



Adrianna King, 21, who was born male, sought refuge in gay-friendly Boystown. But she found it wasn't always a safe haven.

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# WHO YOU VIBIN'?

It's Wednesday, people. Time to announce the winner of RedEye's ever-popular "Who You Vibin'" weekly online dating contest. This week, it's Lexi Fiedler, who beat out two other ladies to win the grand prize—a big ol' personal ad right here in the paper. Gentlemen, if you're interested in getting in touch with Lexi, hit up the e-mail listed below. Whether she responds is up to her, of course. Check out other dater profiles or submit your own at [redeyechicago.com/vibin](http://redeyechicago.com/vibin). Girl or guy, straight or gay, RedEye wants to hook you up!

**What do you do?** I am an outreach coordinator for one of the ward Democratic Parties. I am also completing my master's in public administration at DePaul.

**Seeking?** Someone who also has the elaborate goal of visiting every country in the world. Someone who is down for adventures, but also knows when to get serious and is determined to follow their interests and passions. Someone who is enthusiastic about music is also a must.

**The best under-the-radar Chicago spot?** Now if I told you, it would no longer be under-the-radar, now would it? On a beautiful day there is a spot by the Chicago Yacht Club where I love to sit and read and look at the sailboats. As far as bars go, I frequent Floyd's, a bar in my neighborhood that has good music, great bartenders and pretty fantastic food ... Food-wise, I'm going to have to say Barberry Thai on Southport and Diversey—great Crispy Pad See Ew.

**You know you want me because?** Though I am often busy with work and school, I also find the time to go out and have a good time. I am definitely a beer drinker. Amber ales and Guinness are my beers of choice—none of this wimpy Bud Light Lime crap. I've also been told more than once that I have very beautiful eyes.

**This celebrity would make my list?** Mr. Schuester from "Glee." The sexy teacher persona is a big turn-on.

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# CLOSURE IN SMART CASE



Barzee

**Associated Press**

A woman charged in the 2002 kidnapping of Elizabeth Smart pleaded guilty Tuesday as part of a deal with federal prosecutors and asked Smart to forgive her for all the pain she had caused.

Wanda Eileen Barzee apologized in court, saying she was "humbled as I realize how much Elizabeth Smart has been victimized and the role that I played in it."

"I am so sorry, Elizabeth, for all the pain and suffering I have caused you and your family," Barzee, 64, said. "It is my hope that you will be able to find it in your heart to forgive me."

Smart, now 22 and preparing to serve a mission in Paris for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was not in court. But her father, Ed Smart, made a statement there.

"I just hope that Wanda realizes what she did and that it was absolutely wrong and absolutely horrible," he said.

Barzee pleaded guilty to charges of kidnapping and unlawful transportation of a minor in U.S. District Court in Salt Lake City.

Sentencing for Barzee was set for May 19.

She could have faced a life sentence for the kidnapping charge and up to 15 years for the other count. However, under the plea deal, she is expected to receive 15 years in prison, with credit for about six years already served.

Barzee will be returned to the Utah State Hospital until her sentencing.



Ed Smart, father of kidnapping victim Elizabeth Smart, talks to reporters Tuesday outside federal court following a hearing for Wanda Eileen Barzee in Salt Lake City. Barzee pleaded guilty to kidnapping and illegal transportation of a minor across state lines. AP

She also will plead guilty in state court under the plea deal to one count of conspiracy to commit aggravated kidnapping and will cooperate in the case against her estranged husband, Brian David Mitchell.

**WIFE PLEADS GUILTY TO KIDNAPPING CHARGES AND ASKS FOR FORGIVENESS**

## HISTORY

Smart was 14 when she was taken at knifepoint from the bedroom of her Salt Lake City home, sparking a search that riveted the nation. Nine months later, in March 2003, Barzee and Mitchell were arrested after they were spotted walking on a suburban street with Smart.

At a hearing last month, Smart said that within hours of the abduction, Mitchell took her as a polygamous wife and then raped her.

# Word up

What word sums up 2009? How about "unfriend"?

That's the New Oxford American Dictionary's 2009 Word of the Year. (As if you didn't know: It means to remove someone as a friend on a social networking Web site such as Facebook.)

Each year Oxford University Press tracks how the English language is changing and chooses a word that best reflects the mood of the year.

Here's a look at a few other words that were considered but didn't make the cut, according to the organization's blog. AP



## in•text•i•ca•ted

distracted because of texting on a cell phone while driving a vehicle

## sex•ting

the sending of sexually explicit texts and pictures by cell phone

## fun•em•ployed

taking advantage of one's newly unemployed status to have fun or pursue other interests

## tea•bag•ger

a person, who protests President Obama's tax policies and stimulus package, often through local demonstrations known as "Tea Party" protests (in allusion to the Boston Tea Party of 1773)



## tramp stamp

a tattoo on the lower back, usually on a woman

# Shopping smackdown—Coke vs. Costco

**Associated Press**

Costco customers may have to look elsewhere for Coca-Cola products now that the retailer has stopped carrying them because the pair are fighting over prices.

The public squabble between one of the nation's largest wholesale club operators and the world's largest soft drink maker is likely to fizzle quickly. But it reveals real tensions as retailers and product makers square off on prices.

As shoppers continue to grapple with the recession, retailers want to win their favor by giving

them low prices. But that has been creating tension between product makers like Coca-Cola Co., who are working hard to maintain profit margins while meeting retailer demands.

Typically such negotiations take place behind the scenes, but once in a while, a public dispute erupts.

"Beneath this surface of harmony, it's a dogfight out there," Gerry Khermouch, editor of Beverage Business Insights, said Tuesday at an investor meeting held by the soft drink maker in its hometown of Atlanta.

Retailers want to wield more power in determining pricing with product makers, whom they depend on to stock their customers' favorite brands, Khermouch said.

Costco has been aggressive in putting up signs on store shelves and notices on its Web site.

"Costco is committed to carrying name-brand merchandise at the best possible prices. At this time, Coca-Cola has not provided Costco with competitive pricing so that we may pass along the value our members deserve," said a message on the company's Web site labeled "Price Alert!"

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# Do nightclubs discriminate?

## Unofficial rules

I used to work at a local club during the day a few years ago ("Fashion profiling," Nov. 13 cover story), and most employees were told not to let in "anyone who looks like they're a gangbanger or acts like one." This is a standing rule at most nightclubs, and many clubs don't want black people there at all, unless they're incredibly rich and have some kind of preferential treatment.

I always thought that if the club was that worried about fights and shootings, install a metal detector. Using race as a factor shouldn't be part of the "unofficial official" rule as to who can be denied entry.

—SANDRA BLOOM, 27, EDGEWATER



## Safety is paramount

In my early 20s, I was not let into a Rush Street bar because of my appearance. In my late 20s, I became a doorman at a bar in Wicker Park. People don't understand the fact that it's nothing personal. I hate to say this, but more often than not if some guy comes into my bar wearing baggy clothes they start trouble. When I deny someone access, I'm not only thinking of the safety of the patrons, I'm thinking of the safety of my fellow co-workers. So I politely explain to them that there are other bars in the area.

—EVAN MOORE, 30, HUMBOLDT PARK

## Here's to dress codes

I will not spend an evening in any establishment that does not uphold a dress code. Why? Because places that have a dress code often times get better clientele, better-mannered clientele and rarely do fights break out. I work very hard at my career and to go out is a relaxation time for me. The last thing I want when I go out is to have a miserable time because people don't know how to act.

—DAVID ANTHONY, 43, GOLD COAST

## Women are victims too

This dress code discrimination isn't just for men. I recall getting turned around from a neighborhood bar/club (of all things) because I had on jeans! Like I told the bouncer, had I had on a skirt up to my ass and my tatas popping out, they would've escorted me to a seat like a celebrity.

—MARTRISHA SIMMONS, 31, HYDE PARK



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# 'How are people going to view me?'

## For transgender people, acceptance is hard to find—even among LGBT

By **Alexia Elejalde-Ruiz**

REDEYE

When Adrianna King was turned out of her home, she went north in search of acceptance.

A transsexual woman with a shy smile, King, 21, moved to Lakeview earlier this year in hopes that gay-friendly Boystown would offer a haven safe from the harassment and abuse she suffered in her South Side neighborhood.

But Boystown wasn't always safe, and it wasn't always friendly.

King, born a male and in transition to becoming a woman, said she was turned away from Lakeview homeless shelters because management feared she'd be harassed by other boarders. She said she spent the summer sleeping in parks, abandoned buildings, "L" trains and on the lakefront. When nowhere felt safe, King walked all night through Lakeview's streets, waiting until the Center on Halsted opened so she could crash on its couches.

"Every morning I'd come to work, and she'd be outside in the rain," said Tiffany Traylor, a clinical case manager at the center, which serves the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community.

Homeless youth have congregated in Lakeview for decades, but the past three or four years have seen an influx of transgender youth from throughout the city who come for social services or to find a welcoming community, said Heather Bradley, youth outreach coordinator for the Night Ministry, a nondenominational nonprofit that serves vulnerable kids and adults.

"They're younger, they're people of color, and there are lots and lots of trans kids," Bradley said. "Young, transgender women of color are kind of the face of youth homelessness these days."

Though the number of transgender people hasn't necessarily grown, more are coming out at a younger age and flocking to Lakeview because that's where the action is and where they feel safe, said Modesto Valle, executive director of the Center on Halsted.

Largely neglected and misunderstood by the general population as well as some in the LGBT community they're supposed to be a part of, transgender people—an umbrella term for anyone who does not conform to his or her born gender role, including but not limited to transsexuals like King who seek to live as the opposite sex—are at high risk of poverty, discrimination, joblessness, suicide, hate violence and estrangement from family and other support networks.

There are no statistics on the size of the transgender community in Chicago; rough estimates published in a report this year by the LGBT Movement Advancement Project puts the national transgender population at between .25 percent and 1 percent of the U.S. population.

The transgender homeless are among the throngs of youth—gay, straight, homeless and not homeless—who regularly gather on Lakeview street corners, sparking tension in the neighborhood. Some Lakeview residents and business owners worry that loitering, noise and prostitution are damaging the quality of life, while others believe the swarms of young people may be attracting criminals who hide in their midst to commit robberies and assaults.

Meetings to address the strained relationship have been ongo-

### DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Friday marks the 11th annual Transgender Day of Remembrance to commemorate the transgender people who died violent deaths this year. The Center on Halsted on Saturday will host "Night of Fallen Stars," co-sponsored by the Howard Brown Health Center and the Broadway Youth Center, to remember the dead and celebrate the community with transgender performers.

ing for years, though some business owners recently have felt the conflict boil over. Scott Jannush, owner of Borderline Music on Broadway, said a group of youths caused such a disruption during a recording artist's signing at his shop earlier this month that a scuffle ensued. He had to escort them out and file a police report.

Jannush said the centers that cater to youth should impart more skills and counseling rather than just provide a place for kids to hang out.

"They've opened the doors to the neighborhood, and now they're destroying the neighborhood," Jannush said.

The Center on Halsted's Valle said people found to be disrespecting the neighborhood are warned and ultimately barred from the Center, which does provide jobs and skills training. But Valle said the kids who frequent Boystown shouldn't all be lumped together.

The youth, for their part, say they're often the targets of crime—and transgender people, in particular, are vulnerable, as they're more visually different and their mainstream acceptance lags far behind that of gays and lesbians.

"We see a lot of verbal and physical violence against trans youth," said Gabriel Ervin, a youth resource advocate at the Broadway Youth Center. "It's still OK to be outright transphobic."

King is doing all she can to beat the odds.

On Oct. 1, King moved into a small Lakeview studio with the assistance of Stable Futures, a transitional housing program of Heartland Human Care Services that helps single homeless people move toward stability. The program pays up to \$600 in monthly rent for up to a year.

Though Lakeview has its challenges, King, who said she's known since age 5 that she didn't belong in her little boy's body, said it's far more comfortable and tolerant than Woodlawn, where she grew up. Still, she said she wakes up most days feeling anxious.

"I worry, 'How are people going to view me? What do I have to offer?'" said King, who each day heads to the Center on Halsted to see friends and talk to her case manager about jobs. Finding a job is one of the greatest challenges—and a reason so many transgender people are homeless.

King's driver's license still bears her birth name: Allen King. She worries about which name to put on her applications, and how she's going to explain why she doesn't look like an Allen. King for now is looking for retail jobs, and hopes to pursue a social work degree, but she dreams of working in entertainment.

"I'd like to be a role model," King said, "and represent another type of beauty." **AELEJALDERUIZ@TRIBUNE.COM**



After spending time homeless, Adrianna King secured an apartment with assistance from the Center on Halsted, an LGBT advocacy organization on Chicago's North Side.

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King practices plays the piano at the Center on Halsted. **BRIAN J. MOROWCZYNKI FOR REDEYE**

## TransAmerica

There's a saying in the transgender community that the "T" in LGBT is silent.

That has started to change, as transgender leaders raise their voices and gay organizations and legislation strive to be more inclusive. The federal hate crimes bill that President Obama recently signed into law and the closely watched Employment Non-Discrimination Act now before Congress both cover gender identity as well as sexual orientation.

Still, transgender people remain on the fringe. And while they are the most vulnerable of the LGBT community, they also are the most understudied.

In what they're calling the first comprehensive national effort to document discrimination against transgender people, the National Center for Transgender Equality and the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force launched a six-month survey of 6,450 transgender people.

The preliminary findings, released this month, found that among transgender people:



said they experienced harassment or mistreatment at work.



said they were fired, denied a promotion or not hired because of their transgender identity.



said they lost their jobs because they are transgender.



said they had been or are homeless.



live on \$10,000 per year or less (7 percent of the general population in the 2007 American Community Survey does).



said they are unemployed. **ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ**

# For the young, gender is fluid

When Kate Sosin was a little girl, she decided climbing trees was more fun than playing with dolls, so she declared herself a boy and told everyone her name was Patrick. Now 24 and living in Edgewater, Sosin says she doesn't feel like a man, but she doesn't fit the traditional female mold either. Sosin identifies as "gender queer," a relatively new term under the transgender umbrella that describes people who don't strictly identify with traditional male or female gender roles.

"The younger trans community is not necessarily interested in the binary of male and female that was forced on the older generation," said Sosin, who wears short hair, eyeliner, a sweater vest and tie, and explains that she prefers to be addressed with "she/her" pronouns.

Whereas the stereotypical image of a transgender person is that of a transsexual—a person whose gender identity differs from the sex with which he or she was born—there are many more layers than that.

There are drag queens and kings, who perform as the opposite sex to entertain others. There are cross-dressers, who dress as the opposite sex for their own enjoyment but without the intention of living that way full time. There's intersex, which refers to people born with reproductive systems not associated with either male or female. And there's gender queer, which Sosin describes as any gender variance that doesn't fall under the other categories.

What the different layers have in common is that it's often a struggle to look so visibly different from what society expects.

"The trans community is still fighting to just live and exist every day," said Sosin, co-founder of the blog [genderqueerchicago.blogspot.com](http://genderqueerchicago.blogspot.com). "It's a battle to be able to go to the grocery store, or get a coffee, or walk in the park."

For many young trans people, gender is fluid.

Michael Williams, 29, said that several years ago he started taking hormones to transform his male-born body into that of a woman, but stopped because he felt he still identified somewhat as a man. He said he now splits his time between presenting as a man and as a woman, when he goes by Nomi Michaels.

"I still look like Ice Cube right now, but when I'm Nomi, I look like Queen Latifah," said Williams, who was concealing hormone-induced breasts and hips under several layers of clothing. "I'm lucky that I can go back and forth."

Gabriel Ervin, youth resource advocate at the Broadway Youth Center, said many of the transgender youth who come to the center are experimenting or questioning, and go by terms like "gender fabulous."

Ervin, who prefers to go by the gender-neutral pronouns "they/them," said challenging one's gender creates strong, resilient members of society.

"It's taking what somebody tells you are when you are born and saying, 'No, this is what I am,'" Ervin said. "That's powerful." **ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ**

# chicago

## Fan says he was blinded after game

### Chicago Tribune

A Pittsburgh Steelers fan says he was left blind and suffered memory loss after taking a drink from a Bears fan following a game at Soldier Field in September.

The Steelers had lost to the Bears, and some trash-talking was going on between Zack Heddinger's group of Pittsburgh fans and a group of Bears fans at Kitty O'Shea's, his family says.

There was an "altercation between Bears and Pittsburgh fans," said Chicago Police Officer Laura Kubiak, citing a police report filed about the incident.

Later, Heddinger, 46, was offered a drink by one of the Chicago fans, a gesture he thought was a peace offering, his older sister Linda Heddinger said Tuesday. "My brother, trying to be a peacemaker, drank it," she said. "No one else did."

The police report notes Heddinger's group left the bar a short time later. At about 11 p.m., a call was made from their hotel for an ambulance.

Linda Heddinger said another sister received a call at about 2:30 a.m. from Rush University Medical Center that their brother's heart had stopped and he wasn't expected to survive.

Days later Heddinger was still hospitalized; he was getting headaches and starting to lose his vision, his sister said.

Doctors told the family that alcohol alone would not explain his condition and believe the drink was spiked with grain alcohol, antifreeze or some kind of pesticide, Linda Heddinger said.

Heddinger later returned to the Pittsburgh area, where he is staying with one of his sisters and his account was first reported by WTAE-TV Ch. 4.

Linda Heddinger said her brother is having memory difficulties and is nearly blind.

"It seems like a bad connection you have with television," she said. "He has glimpses, but just because he can see you today doesn't mean he will see you tomorrow."

Police said Belmont Area detectives are still investigating the incident.

**Fr. Brendan Gibson (third from left) and Brother Chad McCoy speak Tuesday with volunteers for Planned Parenthood outside its doors at 1200 N. LaSalle St. Gibson asked the woman if he could pray for her. Chicago's new "bubble zone" ordinance, which creates an 8-foot zone around people within 50 feet of a medical facility, went into effect Wednesday. ANTONIO PEREZ/TRIBUNE**



## Abortion debate

### Chicago Tribune

One man held a "Ban Baby Butchery" sign. Another blew soap bubbles. Priests in black cassocks held rosaries.

They were among about 40 anti-abortion activists who protested a new "bubble zone" ordinance Tuesday at a North Side Planned Parenthood clinic.

The measure takes effect Wednesday and creates 8-foot zones around people within 50 feet of a medical facility. Anyone who enters that space without consent could face a \$500 fine.

"This absolutely is a call to action," said Eric Scheidler, executive director of Pro-Life Action League. "There's tremendous motivation to get involved."

Planned Parenthood of Illinois issued a statement saying they were "thrilled" by the ordinance, which the organization proposed and supported. The measure was passed last month by the City Council and signed by Mayor Daley.

"This new bubble zone will enhance pub-

lic safety in a fair and constitutional manner," according to the statement. "The law strikes a delicate balance between the right to free speech with the need to protect people from harassment and intimidation."

Scheidler said the Pro-Life Action League would file suit in federal court this week to enjoin the ordinance, which he called an unconstitutional violation of free-speech rights.

During the protest rally, two women spoke of their work as "sidewalk counselors," approaching women going into the clinics to try to talk them out of it.

Julie Grisolano said the ordinance discriminates against women she described as often young, fearful and unaware of other options, such as adoption.

"If you cared about women, you'd let them hear both sides of the story," she said.

But the protests had become increasingly threatening in the last year, fueled by the election of President Obama, who supports abortion rights, and the assassination in May

### BACKGROUND

The law was crafted carefully to withstand legal challenges, said Jenny Hoyle, spokeswoman for the city's law department. It was based on a Colorado law that offers protection to patients and employees for 100 feet around medical facilities. That law was challenged but its constitutionality was upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in a 6-3 ruling in 2000.

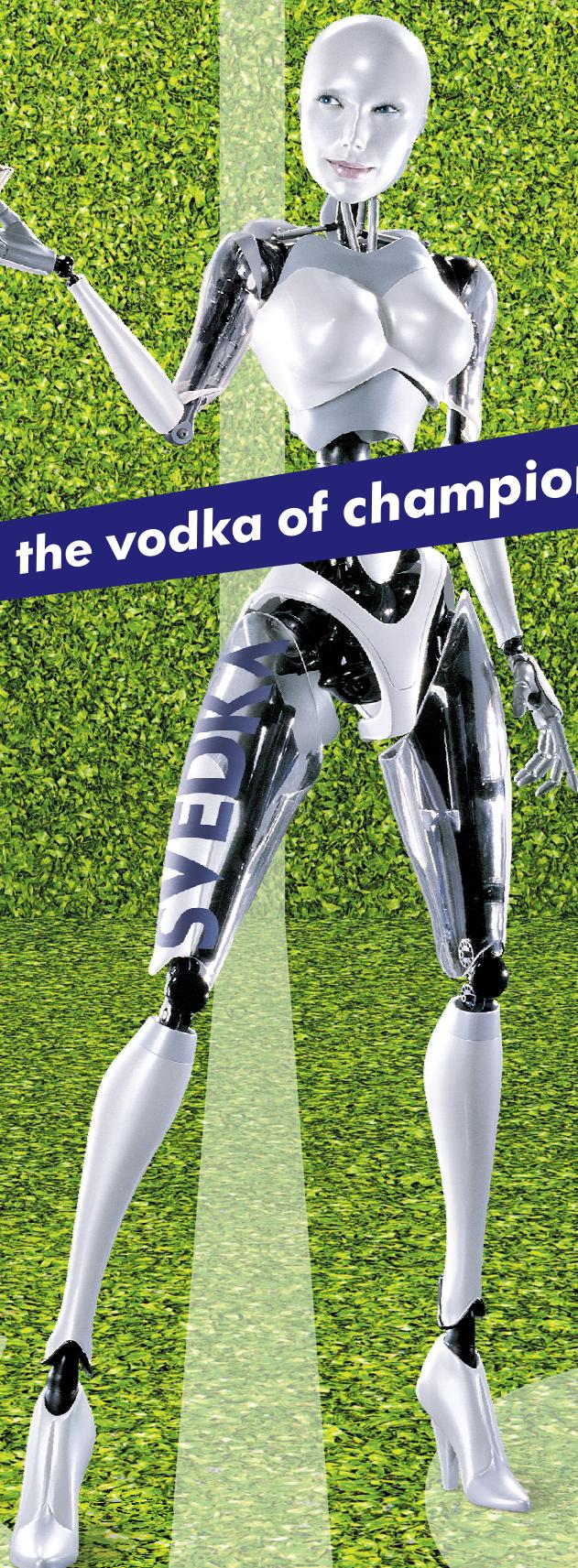
"Similar laws in other jurisdictions have been upheld," Hoyle said.

of Dr. George Tiller in Kansas, said Beth Kanter, an official with Planned Parenthood of Illinois. Tiller performed abortions and had long been a target of protests, some of them violent.

In council testimony, Kanter talked of a protester wearing a lab coat and stethoscope to approach women going in and out of the clinics. Others, she said, wore "volunteer" jackets to impersonate clinic escorts or took photos and video of people as they walked in and out.



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## Board OKs tax reduction

Emboldened by a new state law, the Cook County Board on Tuesday voted 12-5 to reduce the county sales tax by a half-cent. Tuesday's vote is the latest development in a political struggle between commissioners and Board President Todd Stroger, who pushed through a penny-on-the-dollar sales tax increase last year.

## Davlantes going to Fox

Anna Davlantes, who bolted from WMAQ-Ch. 5 this summer after nine years, has joined WFLD-Ch. 32 as a contributing anchor and reporter for the Fox-owned station's 9 p.m. news. Davlantes left Channel 5 on July 30, having failed to agree on a contract renewal. Until Nov. 1, she was prohibited from negotiating with anyone else.

## Official explains terror remark

Rep. Don Manzullo, who opposes the idea of moving terrorism suspects to Thomson Correctional Center in his northern Illinois district, issued a qualified apology Tuesday after a comment some viewed as insulting to Islam. In an interview with WREX in Rockford on Monday, Manzullo said of terrorism suspects: "These are really, really mean people whose job it is to kill people, driven by some savage religion." In a statement, Manzullo said he was referring to terrorists who "believe and practice a violent, anti-modernity version of Wahhabism."

## City loses convention

McCormick Place is losing another key piece of its convention business, as the plastics industry trade show has decided to move to Orlando. Last week, the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society announced it is moving.



Nancy Jones (right), the chief medical examiner of Cook County, speaks Tuesday about the autopsy of Chicago Board of Education President Michael Scott during a news conference. **CHRIS SWEDA/Tribune**

# Coroner: No question death was a suicide

## Chicago Tribune

Cook County Medical Examiner Nancy Jones said Tuesday there is "no evidence" indicating Chicago school board president Michael Scott's death was anything but a suicide.

Making a rare public appearance to discuss an autopsy, Jones said Scott died of a single gunshot wound to the head that was fired at "contact-range," which is common in gunshot suicides. She said the gun was "actually pressed against the head."

"Based on the findings at autopsy, which I have personally reviewed, including scene photographs and the autopsy photos, it was determined that Mr. Scott died of a single contact-range, through-and-through gunshot wound to his head."

Though Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis says his department is still investigating the death, Jones said two detectives present for the autopsy agreed with the suicide finding. She called the hours-long autopsy "a complete and full autopsy examination" conduct-

ed by a veteran pathologist, Dr. Mitra Kalelkar.

Speaking generally about the hundreds of gunshot suicides her office handles a year, Jones said "there's no reason to come to a different conclusion when there is no evidence to lead you that way."

Jones complained that police removed Scott's body without permission from her office. "Moving the body without authorization of the medical examiner is actually a violation of state law," she said.

But she noted the pathologist performing the autopsy had access to photos from the scene.

Hours after the autopsy results were released Monday, Weis told a news conference that his department was continuing to look into the death and that detectives were still "early on in the investigation."

There are "just a lot of things we have to look at before we have a definite answer," Weis said. Once the investigation is conducted, "then we'll make a decision as to what we believe the cause of death to be."

# Park district proposes fee hikes

## Chicago Tribune

Facing a grim financial forecast for next year, the Chicago Park District will pull millions of dollars from park project commitments and raise fees across the board, from day camps to boat slips, according to its proposed 2010 budget released Tuesday.

But not everything is going up: Residents will not see an increase on their tax bills from the park district. And unless park officials persuade the union to accept furlough days, the district will see a \$3 million drop in payroll by eliminating 53 full-time positions, including 11 layoffs.

This was the "most difficult budget I've had to

do in my tenure," said Gen. Supt. Timothy Mitchell, who is overseeing his sixth budget.

The park district is projecting a \$7.2 million reduction in corporate income taxes it receives from the state and \$650,000 loss in property tax collections due to foreclosures next year. Meanwhile, it's expecting a 7.7 percent increase in health-care related costs, which would cost the district an extra \$1 million.

Higher park fees will generate approximately \$2 million, Mitchell said, with park users seeing an average of a 5 percent increase. But budget officials are confident higher prices will not curb program participation rates.

# Trump inches up list of tallest buildings

## Chicago Tribune

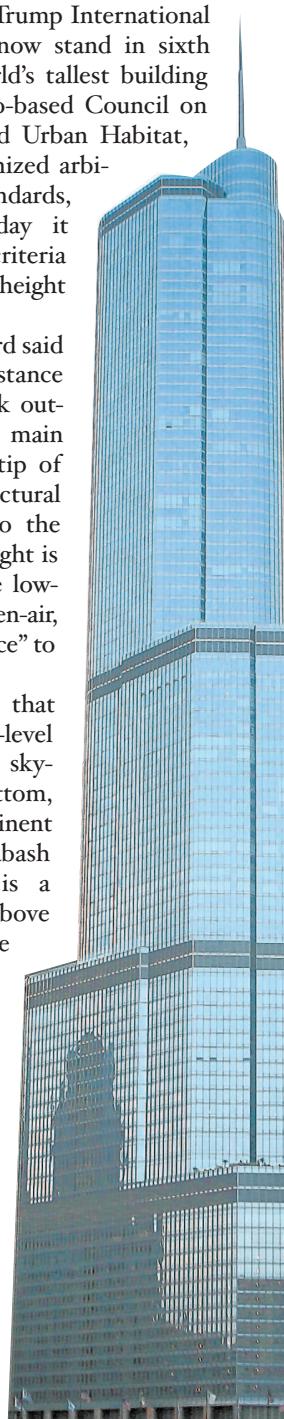
Donald Trump's Chicago skyscraper just moved up one notch on the list of the world's tallest buildings. And the developer and reality TV star hasn't done a thing to his 92-story hotel and condo tower.

Why does the Trump International Hotel & Tower now stand in sixth place on the world's tallest building list? The Chicago-based Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, the widely recognized arbiter of height standards, announced Tuesday it has changed its criteria for measuring the height of skyscrapers.

The old standard said height was the distance from the sidewalk outside a building's main entrance to the tip of its spire or structural top. According to the new criterion, height is gauged from "the lowest, significant, open-air, pedestrian entrance" to the top.

That means that Trump's riverwalk-level entrance is the skyscraper's true bottom, not its more prominent entry along Wabash Avenue, which is a viaduct raised above ground level. The change boosts Trump's height by 27 feet to 1,388 feet, 6 inches (which the council rounds up to 1,389 feet), placing it ahead of the old No. 6, the Jin Mao Building in Shanghai.

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**Charges looming**

**1** Police in North Carolina say more charges are likely in the case of a missing 5-year-old girl whose body was found dumped along a wooded road. Fayetteville police spokeswoman Theresa Chance said Tuesday that more charges are pending.

**Bad breath bandit**

**2** Authorities in Florida are searching for an alleged bank robber with "notably bad breath" who asked a teller to fill an orange Halloween bag with cash. The Broward County sheriff's office says the man held up the TD Bank branch in South Florida on Monday morning.

**NYC paper raids**

**3** Police officers working with the Manhattan district attorney's office searched circulation offices of The New York Times in Queens, the New York Post and the Daily News in Manhattan, and El Diario in Brooklyn, an official said, speaking to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

**Hostages freed**

**4** Somali pirates freed 36 crew members from a Spanish trawler Tuesday after holding them for more than six weeks. A self-proclaimed pirate said the hostage-takers were paid \$3.3 million in ransom.

**5 get death sentence**

**5** Iran has sentenced five people to death over the unrest that followed the country's disputed June presidential election, state TV reported Tuesday. At least three others caught up in the turmoil have received death sentences previously.

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US Airways said Tuesday it will add a 5 percent surcharge to all U.S. flights on or after May 8.

# Thick ice puts a freeze on Antarctica cruise

**6** **MOSCOW** A Russian icebreaker carrying more than 100 tourists, scientists and journalists on a cruise around Antarctica was struggling to free itself Tuesday from sea ice about 5 miles from clear water, a shipping company said.

But the company said no one was in danger, that some of the tourists were using the unplanned stop to take helicopter tours of the area and the biggest problem passengers faced was sunburn.

The Captain Khlebnikov icebreaker was near Snow Hill Island in the Weddell Sea, German Kuzin of the Fareastern Shipping

**WHY ICE?**

The cruise was advertised as a unique opportunity to watch emperor penguins in their natural habitat. The Finnish-built icebreaker has been used as a cruise ship for several years and carries two helicopters.

Company told Russia's Vesti 24 TV. He said neither the ship nor the passengers faced any risks.

The ship was trying to move slowly through the ice, but the winds were too light to break up the ice pack, he said.

An Argentine official said the ice would delay the ship's return by between three and six days.

"The icebreaker is trying to move and is waiting for more favorable winds," Kuzin said.

"After the winds get stronger, the ice grip will weaken ... and it will break free."

Russian news agencies said a BBC camera crew filming a documentary about the Antarctic also was on board.

"They are implementing the tour program in full," Kuzin said. "The captain reported that the situation on board is normal."



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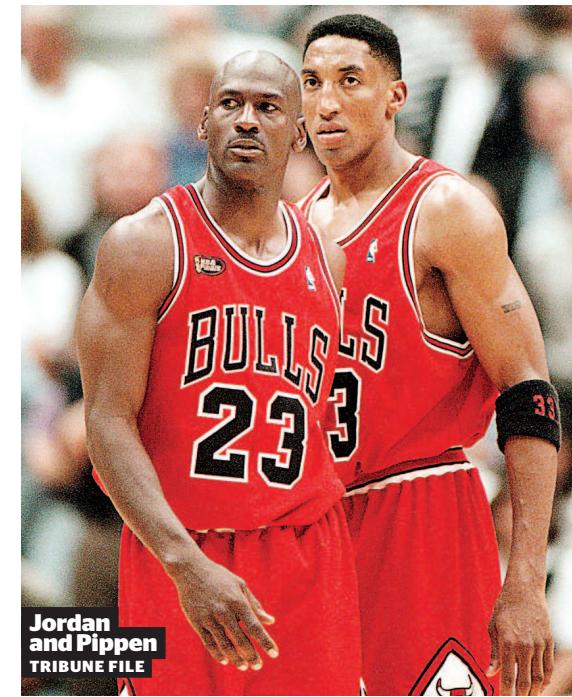
**Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane among the best one-two punches Chicago teams have produced**

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Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen. Jim McMahon and Walter Payton. Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane.

With the news that the Blackhawks are likely to sign Toews and Kane to contract extensions, it's safe to add them to the list of all-time great tandems in Chicago sports. According to the Tribune, the signing of Kane and Toews will be announced before the team embarks on its 10-day, six-game "circus" trip beginning Thursday night in Calgary.

But back on topic. Here are some great past and present Chicago sports tandems.



Jordan and Pippen  
TRIBUNE FILE

## Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane

The golden boys of the resurgent Blackhawks have taken the city by storm, bringing one of the NHL's original six franchises back from the edge of irrelevancy.

**Accomplishments:** Have helped the Hawks become No. 1 in the NHL in attendance and led the team to its first Western Conference finals appearance since 1995.

**Memorable moment:** Kane won the rookie of the year award, called the Calder Trophy to you hockey noobs, in 2008, beating, among others, fellow rookie stud Toews.



Buehrle and Garland  
TRIBUNE FILE

## Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen

No list of superstars and their sidekicks would be complete without Jordan and Pippen, who were named as two of the 50 Greatest NBA Players in NBA History in 1996.

**Accomplishments:** Six titles in eight seasons

**Memorable moment:** Pippen helping a weak, ailing Jordan off the court after His Airness scored 38 points in Utah to give the Bulls a 3-2 series lead in the 1997 NBA Finals.



Prior and Wood  
TRIBUNE FILE

## Kerry Wood and Mark Prior

The golden boys of the 2003 Cubs pitching rotation might be best known for their time on the disabled list, but they were healthy enough to give fans something to cheer about for at least one season.

**Accomplishment:** Say it with us: Got the Cubs to within five outs of the World Series in 2003.

**Memorable moment:** In the 2003 NLDS, Wood and Prior dominated the Braves, with Prior pitching a complete game and Wood getting two W's in the 3-2 series win, the Cubs' first in the playoffs since 1908.

## Mark Buehrle and Jon Garland

In 2005, the All-Star pitchers helped the South Siders steal the baseball spotlight from their North Side counterparts.

**Accomplishment:** Led the White Sox to a World Series title in 2005. In the team's title-winning sweep of Houston, Buehrle started Game 2 and saved Game 3. Garland won a game in the ALDS and earned a no decision in the World Series.

**Memorable moment:** Along with their teammates, enticed a reclusive Steve Perry—the STEVE PERRY—out of his natural habitat of California to sing the Sox's unofficial anthem, "Don't Stop Believin'," at the victory celebration in downtown Chicago.



McMahon and Payton  
TRIBUNE FILE

## Jim McMahon and Walter Payton

The spunky QB and Sweetness had fans cheering all season, and only a loss in Miami prevented the Bears from going undefeated in 1985-56.

**Accomplishment:** Won the 1986 Super Bowl

**Memorable moment:** Too many comebacks and blowouts to mention—or even recall—but one thing we'll all remember is their part in the "Super Bowl Shuffle." Sample line: "Well, they call me Sweetness, And I like to dance/Runnin' the ball is like makin' romance."

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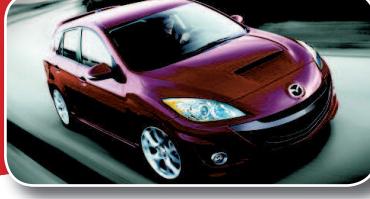
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1 Twice this season, Jay Cutler has had a career worst game. How can he top them?	I was always bad at math so I'll say throw more interceptions.	Cutler should know the way to the top isn't by sucking.	Side note: Some bodybuilder owns <a href="http://jaycutler.com">jaycutler.com</a> . Watched his videos by Swollen Monkey Productions (True story).	Short of openly playing for the other team, it's going to be rough.	Instead of saying his arm is stronger than John Elway's, perhaps he should call him for advice.
2 What do you think of Rex Grossman's dad ripping the Bears?	Why should he be any different than the rest of us?	Good for Papa Grossman running his mouth. Now we know someone in the family can run.	He's right, all of their QBs have been train-Rex.	He sounds like the overbearing dad that rips the teacher if his son gets a bad grade.	Father knows best.
3 How do you decide if you'll stay up late to watch a Bulls or Hawks West Coast game?	I put on my Patrick Sharp feety pajamas, head outside and poll my neighbors.	Depends. Is "Lopez Tonight" on? If so, I've probably damaged my TV with a shtick.	It depends on whether the person holding the gun to my head is left- or right-handed.	As a rule, if I have two or more fantasy players involved, I'm in.	What's the spread?
4 What would Allen Iverson do if he didn't pay in the NBA?	Wait for the Hall of Fame to call, then hang up when they do.	Fall just short of his goal. That's probably why he's rarely allowed to start trying.	Go nuts, get arrested, go to prison, meet T.I., get out, make "A.I. & T.I." reality show.	Somehow, I can't imagine it will have anything to do with practice.	Make it rain.
5 Why so much bad luck around the Northwestern basketball team?	Come on, how much bad luck could they have if they've never lost an NCAA tourney game.	Because the team's good ol' days were during the Depression.	When will you learn that "Northwestern" and "athletic" go against nature? Just look at Leo.	The NU football team may have stolen all their mojo.	Too bad they don't win games based on their grades.

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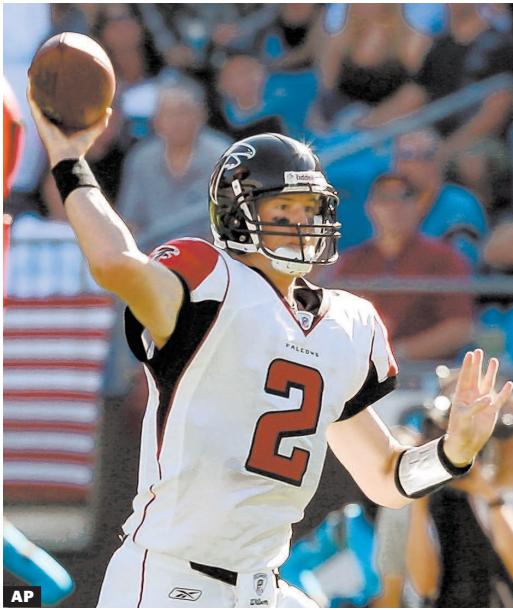
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**MATT RYAN** quarterback

22-for-41 for 224 yards, one touchdown, two interceptions

Ryan is better than this pedestrian stat line indicates, but he's not as good as the steaming pile of hype he's received. He's a borderline No. 1 quarterback at best. See also: Cutler, Jay.

**MILES AUSTIN**  
wide receiver

4 receptions, 20 yards

Welcome back to Earth, Mr. Austin. There was no way Austin was going to finish with a billion yards and a million touchdowns or whatever pace he was on. Expect good but inconsistent production from here on out.

**TIM HIGHTOWER**  
running back

10 carries, 37 yards, 5 receptions, 21 yards

Hightower still got 15 touches, so don't quite dump him yet, but his backup Beanie Wells is suddenly looking like the better play. He's a borderline starter at best for your team.

**VINCENT JACKSON**  
wide receiver

1 reception, 10 yards

V-Jack's been as dependable as the sunrise every morning. No one saw this disappearing act coming, but consider this a one-week hiccup.

**TONY ROMO**  
quarterback

24-39, 251 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT, 2 fumbles

He's still unbenchable at this point, but Romo's performances have fluctuated more than his ex-girlfriend Jessica Simpson's weight.

**LOCKS OF THE WEEK**

**Anquan Boldin vs. St. Louis:** Wipe those tears away, Boldin owners. Get ready for a breakout week.

**Ronnie Brown/Ricky Williams vs. Carolina:** The Panthers' loss (stud defender Thomas Davis to injury) is the Miami Ground Machine's gain.

**Nate Washington vs. Houston:** Here's guessing the Vince Young Renaissance will last at least one more week.



» Reality TV star Tila Tequila is suing San Diego Chargers linebacker Shawne Merriman in a filing alleging domestic violence. Attorney Cyrus Nownejad says Tequila is seeking \$1.5 million in damages.

» Coach Dick Jauron has been fired by the Buffalo Bills following the team's 3-6 start. The Bills said in a statement that a replacement would be announced later.

**BULLS AT SACRAMENTO, LATE**

For ex-Bull Andres Nocioni to miss any game to injury is a torturous experience. Still, that was his plan Tuesday vs. the Bulls. "I'm pushing myself, but I can't do it," Nocioni said. "I'm, like, 60 to 70 percent."

# Hold 'em or fold 'em?

If you came into Week 10 holding a trio like Tony Romo, Marques Colston and Cedric Benson in your fantasy hand, you probably thought you'd walk away with the big jackpot. But these and other marquee fantasy aces went bust Sunday. Dr. Fantasy is here for advice to keep from you going broke in your league this week.

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Suddenly, ex-Bears are struggling. Ced Benson, hurt. Kyle Orton, hurt. Dick Jauron, fired. Matt For—what, he's still a Bear?

**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Northwestern vs. Butler**

7 p.m. Big Ten Network  
The original Cinderella visits the ugly stepsister of the Big Ten. How heartwarming.

**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
**Ball St. vs. Central Michigan**

7 p.m. ESPN2  
I had lots of jokes ready about Ball St., but my boss told me to keep them under wraps.

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# Midnight math

Are \$100-plus NYE parties worth the cash? We quizzed the people behind them to see if it all adds up

New Year's Eve parties can be notorious rip-offs, from the "passed appetizers" doled out by servers you never can seem to catch to the "Champagne toast" that closely resembles the crappy cava at your corner liquor store. In defense of your wallet, we put the organizers of three pricey parties in the hot seat to find out what you'll really get for your money.

## BULL & BEAR, \$115-\$125

**In the hot seat:** Michele Silverman, events director  
**Basics:** \$115 before Dec. 1; \$125 after. Includes passed appetizers, premium open bar (8 p.m.-2 a.m.). 431 N. Wells St. 312-527-5973. Tickets: [bullbearnye.eventbrite.com](http://bullbearnye.eventbrite.com)

**We're still penny pinching this year. Why would we want to pay \$115 to hang out at a sports bar that's usually no cover?**

The \$115, first of all, includes a top-shelf bar, so it's not just a cover charge. It also includes heavy passed appetizers. You hear there's going to be appetizers, you think, 'Oh, so I'm going to get half a bite of some obscure thing I've never tasted.' Our appetizers are coming straight from our menu, like kobe sliders and truffle fries, assorted quesadillas.

### How much would we have to drink to break even on the ticket price?

Our beer is between \$5 and \$9 ... our specialty cocktails range between \$9 and \$12. If you're drinking for six hours ... and you have about two drinks an hour ... [factoring in the value of food] you're definitely going to get to that \$115.

### What else does it include?

The cover charge at [sibling club] Stone Lotus is typically \$20. With your Bull & Bear New Year's Eve, you'd have complimentary access to Stone Lotus if you choose to go there [from 2 to 4 a.m.].

### How much will it cost to ring in 2010 at one of your table tap booths?

Those are being handled on a case-by-case basis, so people can call to find out. ... around \$150 a head, depending how many people you have.

## LE PASSAGE, \$100 and up

**In the hot seat:** Kim Bosse, director of marketing and operations

**Basics:** \$100 for general admission, more for table reservations. Includes dinner buffet, premium open bar (9 p.m.-1 a.m.). 937 N. Rush St. 312-255-0022. Tickets: [threeheaded.com](http://threeheaded.com)

### Are you serving real Champagne at midnight?

As in from France? I don't know yet ... but we do splits, which we think makes it a little more special. Everyone gets their own 187-milliliter bottle and ... Champagne flute so they can pour it and do a toast.

### The e-mail flyer for your party says, "No wait for drinks!" How can you deliver on that claim?

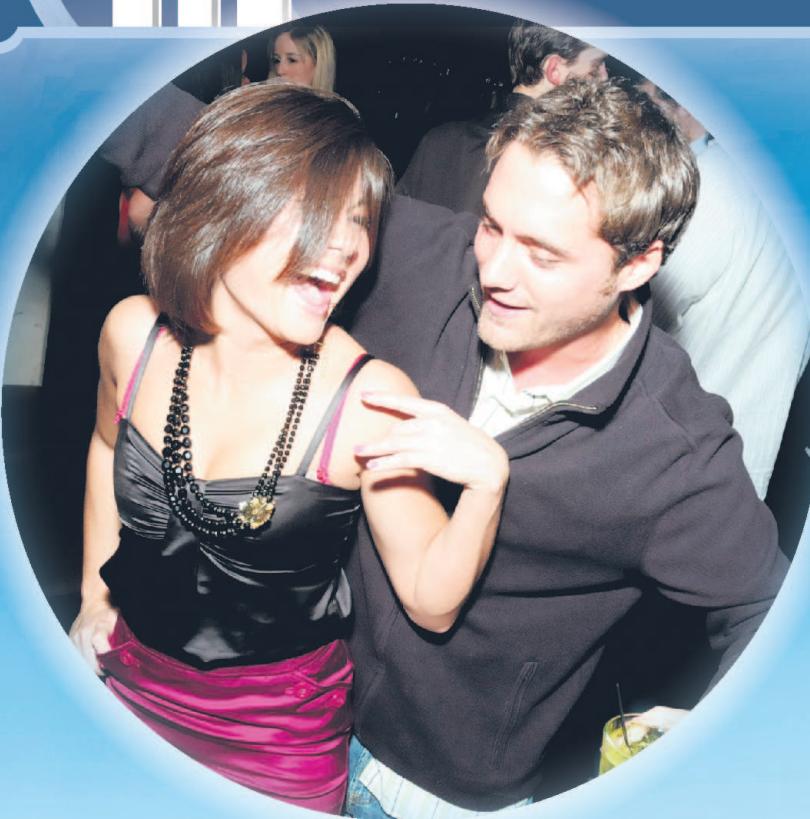
Well, it's based on capacity. Certain venues try to pack the place as much as possible. We limit the tickets we sell to make sure that our staff will be able to serve those people ... they're not going to be waiting five deep at the bar.

### So there's going to be some waiting.

Right, it would be the normal expectation if you're going out any night, instead of the busiest night of the year, [when] you're going to have to wait twice as long.

»»» FIND MORE PARTY DETAILS ON [METROMIX.COM](http://METROMIX.COM)

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## best bets

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**wed 18** **Jonathan Safran Foer**

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**WineStyles, 1240 S. Michigan Ave.**

Get into the artistic spirit at this informal painting class that also features a tasting of six wines and appetizers. 6 p.m. \$40. RSVP required: [bottles-brushes.com](http://bottles-brushes.com)

**thu 19** **Shoe sale**

**House of Sole, 1237 S. Michigan Ave. 312-834-0909**

Get your kicks—and then some—before the holiday shopping rush goes full force. The deal: Buy one pair of shoes at full price and get a second for free. Also, get an extra \$20 off all clearance footwear. Includes free snacks and drinks. 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

### 'Dick O'Day's Big, Lovely Thanksgiving Bingo'

**The Annoyance Theatre, 4830 N. Broadway. 773-561-4665**

The bespectacled former correspondent of "Wild Chicago" hosts a turkey-themed edition of his interactive game show with improv troupe 1,2,3 Fag! 8 p.m. \$10.

### Wine party

**Brasserie Jo, 59 W. Hubbard St. 312-595-0800**

Raise your glass to the 2009 Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais Nouveau, the first wine of the French harvest, by the glass (\$8) or bottle (\$39). 5 p.m. Through Friday.

**fri 20**

### Ice Skating

**Millennium Park, 55 N. Michigan Ave. 312-742-1168**

**FREE** Skate your way into the holiday spirit with a few rounds on the McCormick Tribune Ice Rink on opening day. Noon-8 p.m. \$10 skate rental.

## THANKSGIVING DINING

## 676 RESTAURANT &amp; BAR

Noon-10 p.m.: Four-course dinner featuring turkey, pumpkin-stuffed gnocchi, pork chops, pumpkin pie and chocolate mousse. \$54. \$14 for kids; 676 N. Michigan Ave. Omni Chicago Hotel. 312-944-7676.

## BISTRO 110

Noon-8 p.m.: Three-course prix-fixe menu featuring options such as butternut squash soup, wild mushroom and chestnut flan casserole, oven-roasted turkey breast and spiced pumpkin cake with cinnamon ice cream and caramel sauce. Limited regular menu also available. \$32.95. \$12.95 for kids 12 and under; 110 E. Pearson St. 312-266-3110.

## BLUE BAYOU

5:30-10 p.m.: Buffet featuring turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gumbo, jambalaya and pumpkin

pie. Drink specials include \$4 hurricane pints. \$20; 3734 N. Southport Ave. 773-871-3300.

## CHINA GRILL

Noon-8 p.m.: Four-course tasting menu including lobster-fennel salad, turkey dumplings, teriyaki-marinated pork medallions, Asian pear water-chestnut stuffing and candied mashed sweet potatoes. Regular menu also available. \$44; 230 N. Michigan Ave. 312-334-6700.

## DEVON SEAFOOD GRILL

11 a.m.-9 p.m.: Three-course dinner featuring butternut squash soup, Maine lobster bisque, roast turkey, orange-cranberry relish, chocolate velvet cake and more. \$29.95; 39 E. Chicago Ave. 312-440-8660.

## ELATE

2-8:30 p.m.: Three-course tasting menu featuring options such



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as roasted chestnut soup, herb-roasted turkey and pumpkin pot de creme with chantilly cream. Limited regular menu also available. \$55. \$38 for kids 12 and under; 111 W. Huron St. Hotel Felix. 312-202-9900.

## STATE AND LAKE

3-10 p.m.: A la carte

holiday specials include autumn squash soup, sausage stuffing and braised turkey leg. Set meal also available (\$25). A la carte prices vary; 201 N. State St. The Wit Hotel. 312-239-9400.

## FULTON'S ON THE RIVER

11 a.m.-7 p.m.: Chef's table-style buffet

featuring seasonal salads and vegetables, apple cider-brined turkey breasts, seared lake trout, smoked ham-goat cheese-dried cranberry sourdough stuffing, pear-golden raisin-chestnut ciabatta stuffing, pumpkin cheesecake and more. \$49.95. \$15.95 for kids under 12; 315 N. La Salle

St. 312-822-0100.

## ITALIASIA

11 a.m.-8 p.m.: All-you-can-eat buffet including pasta with veal meatballs, honey-glazed ham, orzo with sun-dried tomatoes and more. Regular menu also available. \$15.95. \$9.95 for kids 12 and under; 350 W. Mart

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11 a.m.-8 p.m.: Three-course dinner featuring selections such as pumpkin bisque, roast turkey, sage stuffing, butternut squash casserole, upside down apple pie and pumpkin pie. Regular menu also available. \$22.95. \$5.95

for kids; 1 E. Wacker Drive. 312-923-7226.

## NOMI

11:30 a.m.-8 p.m.: Chef's tables featuring steamed snow crab claws, applewood-smoked trout, assorted sushi, fennel and apple salad, sweet potatoes,

roasted root vegetables, apple streusel tarts and much more. Breakfast items such as pumpkin pancakes, sausages, and gruyere and bacon quiche available before 2 p.m. Mains served a la carte. Options include squash ravioli, roasted turkey and more. \$125. \$35 for kids 5-12; 800 N. Michigan Ave. Park Hyatt Hotel, 7th floor. 312-239-4030.

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## NIGHTCRAWLERS

Photos of who we've seen on the scene



## Just dance

Month-old West Loop tapas lounge **Pasha** (802 W. Randolph St. 312-243-4442) has a fairly sedate scene early in the week, but weekend sets by local Latin band the Bandoleros (who co-own the bar) have had people lining up at the door and filling the dance floor.

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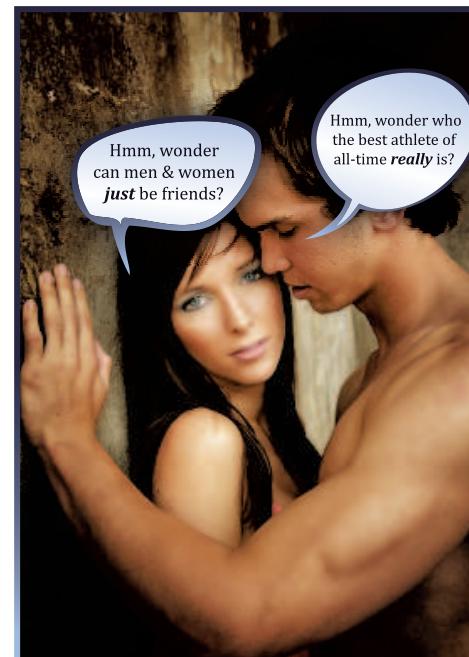
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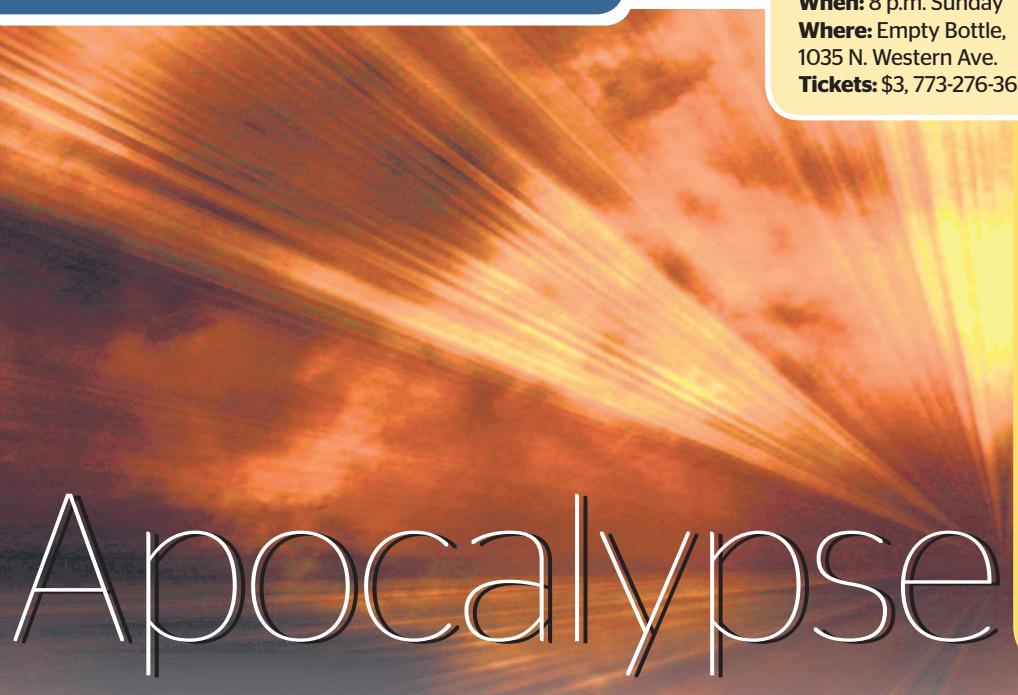
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## Common Loon

**When:** 8 p.m. Sunday  
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**Tickets:** \$3, 773-276-3600



Common Loon's Matt Campbell and Robert Hirschfeld

## LOCAL FOCUS

### Champaign natives Common Loon play pop to precede the end of the world

By Matt Pais

Back in kindergarten, Common Loon guitarist-vocalist Robert Hirschfeld lied to drummer-vocalist Matt Campbell and said he was allergic to chocolate.

The result: Campbell told the teacher, and Hirschfeld didn't get the chocolate that was being passed around.

"If that's the way it happened," says Campbell, "then it's your own fault."

"It's true," says Hirschfeld. "You were looking out for me."

The Champaign natives' long-standing rapport (Campbell is now 30, and Hirschfeld turns 30 on Thursday) translates to a considerably full, focused sound for an indie rock duo—which incorporates pre-recorded bass and synth tracks in concert. The band's few completed songs from its full-length debut, "The Long Dream of Birds," out in March, are catchy, fuzzy pop that would make solid accompaniment to a dream.

**You guys have known each other since kindergarten. How would the band be different if it started when you were 5?**

**Robert Hirschfeld:** I think I would have some of the same influences, having listened to a lot of Beatles and synth '80s pop music.

**Matt Campbell:** You have six older siblings, though. I didn't have that benefit. So in kindergarten I was listening to "The Super Bowl Shuffle." God knows what could come from that. Probably not much good.

**Are you implying that "The Super Bowl Shuffle" is not an appropriate influence for contemporary music?**

**MC:** It's a terrible song. It's memorable for people who live in Illinois ...

**RH:** We still kind of like that same kind of stuff, though. ... Local radio commercial jingles, those are kind of influential. Maybe Matt—not that he hasn't progressed—but maybe some of those things are actually still in place.

**You have a track called "Ho-Hum Apocalypse." If you were in the apocalyptic movie "2012," what would you do to help John Cusack survive?**

**RH:** I don't have any practical skills, so ... I'd be one of the people biting it early on in the movie.

**Would you at least say your upcoming album is appropriate to listen to when**

**the world comes to an end?**

**RH:** [Laughs] I think it's more of the soundtrack to the kind of gilded end-of-the-party days. It's very clean and nice-sounding. To me it's not destructive. It's not torn apart and barely hanging by a thread. It's actually a fairly polished record, so it's more of the gilded end-of-the-empire days than the cobbled-together, broken pieces that I imagine should be more fitting of the actual cities-falling-into-the-sea soundtrack.

**Would you listen to it on the way home from the party on the last night on Earth, then?**

**RH:** Yeah, probably. ... It's not dance music, but I think when you're coming down from that party, yeah.

**How would you summarize your sound in five words or less?**

**RH:** As long as we're going to keep with the theme, I think we should call it "Apocalypse."

**Do you think you sound like a Midwestern band?**

**RH:** I really wonder about any regional sound at this point. Maybe that's true in real small sample sizes, but it seems like the Internet and the ease of transportation across electronic lines has kind of diminished the relevance of those distinctions. So I don't really feel like we're much of an Illinois band in terms

of "we sound like this or that other Illinois band." I would say that there's truth that any of your surroundings are of course going to influence you.

**MC:** I was going to bring up the agriculture thing. There's some lyrical content that deals with that, the fact that we're surrounded by fields. I think that we're a Midwestern band in that sense. Maybe only in that sense.

**Your press photo shows you handing out pills. What's up with that?**

**MC:** Yeah, Robert, what's up with that?

**RH:** I'm not on any kind of medication ... but I encourage everyone else to be.

**And to take it from whomever hands it to you?**

**RH:** From strangers. Pharmaceuticals from strangers.

**How did that photo come about?**

**RH:** I think I'm just interested in the idea of altering one's chemistry. I don't do it to myself, but I think that a lot of people do, and it's just an interesting social convention. ... I think it's amusing because we're kind of straight characters, at least nominally, so to us there's a certain irony to the two of us handing out a multi-colored galaxy of uppers, downers, laughers and screamers.

## NEW RELEASES

BY MATT PAIS

**We All Have Hooks for Hands**

'The Shape of Energy'



(Afternoon Records)

They have hooks, all right, but not on their hands. The bouncing, infectious guitars on this Sioux Falls sextet's sophomore disc are immediate yet restrained—jangling as if they're carrying each tune on their back—as WAHHFH splits the difference between pop-rock meant for a tiny club and a big stadium. They're anemic and intimate, sweet and soaring, like a combination of My Morning Jacket and Band of Horses ... if Why? s Yoni Wolf took on lead vocals with a bunch of pals as a supporting chorus. Horns appear in just the right places on tracks like the sweet "Be Love, Be Wild" and the escalating "California." This is the sort of indie album you pass along to friends, bring in the car, crank up while pre-gaming and, generally, can listen to whenever, wherever. Though the hovering vocals can be hard to understand, you can't help wanting to sing along anyway.



**In concert:** Nov. 30 at Abbey Pub

**Kid Sister**

'Ultraviolet'



(Fool's Gold Records)

Your booty is simply not ready for Kid Sister. The south suburban Markham native has been ready to bust out since this record's original release date in summer '08, but the delay has only generated more anticipation for the party-starting hip-hop power that is "Ultraviolet." OK, too many of the songs are based on basic, slower rap verses and double-time dance choruses, and, sorry, I just hate that chorus in the hit "Pro Nails" (featuring Kanye West). But "Control" and "Switch Board" throw

your hips into uncontrollable animation, and the overall old-school vibe (as in, early '90s club beats) feels both real and endearing. Very simply: If opening tracks "Right Hand Hi" and "Life on TV" don't make you want to do all sorts of things on the dance floor, you deserve to wear a hat that says "I'm No Fun" and give away all your dancing shoes to someone interested in taking advantage of their feet.

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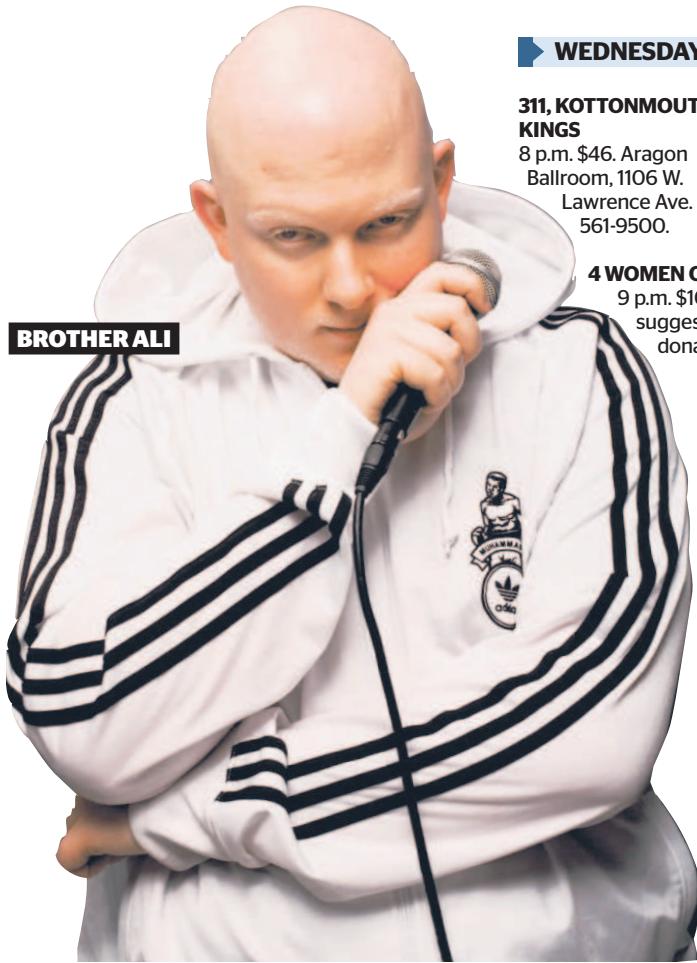
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9 p.m. \$8. Blue Chicago at Ohio, 536 N. Clark St. 312-661-0100.

**JEFF BUCKLEY TRIBUTE: TODD KESSLER, RACHELE EVE, ANOMIE BELLE, MIEKA PAULEY, CAREY HEAD, CATHERINE HARRISON, MICHAEL CHORVAT, KATHERINE ZWICK, ALAIN DE COURTENAY**  
8 p.m. Sold out. Uncommon Ground on Clark, 3800 N. Clark St. 773-929-3680.

**JIMMY BURNS, MAURICE VAUGHN**  
9:30 p.m. \$12. Kingston Mines, 2548 N. Halsted St. 773-477-4646.

**JOE PERRY PROJECT, THE STEEPWATER BAND**  
7:30 p.m. \$36-\$38. House of Blues, 329 N.

Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

**KEITH SCOTT**  
7 p.m. Free. House of Blues Back Porch Stage, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

**LIKE TRAINS AND TAXIS, MORNINGSIDES, JARED BARTMAN**  
8 p.m. \$7. Martyrs', 3855 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-9869.

**MAPS AND ATLASES, VACATIONS, OLD FAKE**  
9 p.m. \$12. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

**MICHAEL COLEMAN**  
9:30 p.m. \$10. Buddy Guy's Legends, 754 S. Wabash Ave. 312-427-0333.

**MIKE SMITH QUARTET**  
9 p.m. \$10. Andy's Jazz Club, 11 E. Hubbard St. 312-642-6805.

**ON THE RUN, A BAND CALLED CATCH, OUI SI ONLY YOU, EMPRA**  
9 p.m. \$6. Double Door,

1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

**THE ORION ENSEMBLE**  
7:30 p.m. \$10-\$25. Ganz Hall at Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan Ave. 630-628-9591.

**R. KELLY**  
8 p.m. \$45-\$75. Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Pkwy. 800-982-2787.

**RABA, ROUGH CUT, THE ARTESIAN HASH HOUNDS**  
9 p.m. Free. Red Line Tap, 7006 N. Glenwood Ave. 773-274-5463.

**RED CHAI**  
8:30 p.m. Cover varies. The Velvet Lounge, 67 E. Cermak Rd. 312-791-9050.

**ROB PARTON BIG BAND WITH CHICAGO COLLEGE OF PERFORMING ARTS JAZZ ORCHESTRA**  
8 p.m. \$5-\$10. FitzGerald's, 6615

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# MILLER LITE SALUTES OUR BARTENDER OF THE WEEK

# Q&A



**225 N Michigan Ave.**  
**Bartender: Mike Donnelly**

Q. What is your favorite thing about bartending at Sweetwater?

A. The diversity of clientele I get to interact with. It ranges from the most successful of business people to tourists from around the world and everything in between. Everyone has such a unique background and perspective.

Q. Favorite Holiday?

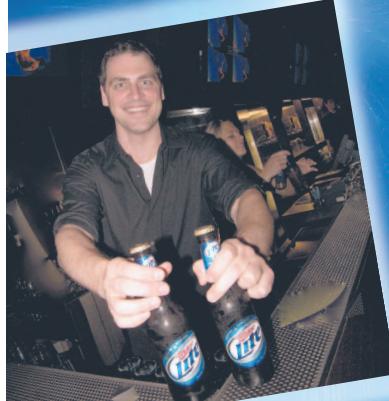
A. Thanksgiving - I dominate turkey!

Q. Favorite Band?

A. My own called The Slippery Bottles - we haven't played in a while but it's a group of bartenders who have never dropped a bottle.

Q. Favorite way to enjoy an ice cold Miller Lite?

A. Relaxing with friends in front of the Bears game at The Boundary or Sweetwater.



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Show times change daily  
AMC Select - The best specialty films  
■ 2012 (PG-13) 2:30,3:30,6:00,7:00,9:30,10:30  
■ The Box (PG-13) 2:15,5:00,7:50,10:50  
■ Christmas Carol (PG) 2:40,5:10,7:40,10:10  
■ Christmas Carol (PG) 1:40,4:10,6:45,9:15  
■ The Fourth Kind (PG-13) 3:00,5:30,8:00,10:40  
■ Michael Jackson (PG) 1:50,4:45,7:30,10:20  
■ Where the Wild (PG) 2:00,4:30  
■ Paranormal Act (R) 1:30,3:45,10:45  
■ Couples Retreat (PG-13) 7:15,10:00

### LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK)

2828 North Clark St., Chicago  
(773) 509-4949  
■ Skin (PG-13) 1:40,4:30,7:25,10:10  
■ Gentlemen Brc (PG-13) 2:10,5:00,7:40,10:00  
■ Capitalism-Lv (R) 2:00,4:55,8:30  
■ Coco Before (PG-13) 1:30,4:10,7:10,9:50  
■ An Education (PG-13) 1:45,4:20,7:00,9:45  
■ A Serious Man (R) 2:00,4:45,7:30,10:05  
■ New York (R) 1:50,4:25,7:20,9:55

### CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES)

2600 N. Western Ave.  
(800) 326-3264 #1642  
■ Turandot Encore (NR) ★ 6:30 P.M.  
■ 2012 (PG-13) ★ 12:10,1:00,2:30,3:30,4:30,6:30,7:00,8:00,10:00,10:30  
■ Boondock II (R) ★ 2:00,5:00,7:50,10:40  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) ★ 1:40,2:10,4:10,4:40,6:45,7:15,9:10,9:40  
■ Christmas Carol (PG) ★ 12:15,2:45,5:15,7:40,10:10  
■ Precious: Novel (R) ★ 12:30,1:20,3:20,4:20,6:20,7:20,9:20,10:20  
■ Michael Jackson (PG) 12:20,3:15,6:10,9:00  
■ Astro Boy (PG) 1:30,4:00  
■ Paranormal Act (R) 12:45,3:10,5:30,8:10,10:45  
■ Law Abiding (R) 1:10,3:30,5:30,7:30,9:30  
■ Where the Wild (PG) 1:50,4:00  
■ Couples Retreat (PG-13) 4:50,7:30,10:15

### DAVIS THEATRE (VALUE)

4614 N. Lincoln Ave., Chicago  
(773) 784-0893  
■ Twilight: Moon (PG-13)  
■ 2012 (PG-13) ★ 3:40,6:45,9:50  
■ Men Who Stare (R) 4:15,6:15,8:15,10:15  
■ Christmas Carol (PG) 5:00,7:00,9:00  
■ The Box (PG-13) 5:10,7:40,10:00

### FORD CITY 14 (AMC)

S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago  
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■ AMC Select Precious: Novel (R) 1:00,1:45,2:30,3:30,4:15,5:00,6:00,7:00,7:45,8:30,9:30,10:15  
■ 2012 (PG-13) 1:10,2:25,4:30,6:00,7:50,9:25  
■ AMC Select TenEight (NR) 1:20,3:20,5:30,7:30,9:40  
■ The Box (PG-13) 1:40,4:20,7:10,10:00  
■ Christmas Carol (PG) 1:15,3:40,5:50,8:05,10:15  
■ The Fourth Kind (PG-13) 1:50,4:10,6:30,9:05  
■ Michael Jackson (PG) 2:10,4:55,7:25,10:10  
■ Cirque Du Freak (PG-13) 7:05 P.M.  
■ Astro Boy (PG) 2:35,4:50  
■ Saw VI (R) 9:35 P.M.  
■ Paranormal Act (R) 2:15,4:35,6:50,9:00  
■ The Stepfather (PG-13) 2:30,5:15,7:40,10:05  
■ Law Abiding (R) 1:30,4:05,6:45,9:15

### GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

164 State Street  
312-846-2800  
■ For the Lo (NR) 6:00,7:45  
■ Inside Islam (NR) 6:00 P.M.  
■ Mon Oncle (PG) 8:00 P.M.  
■ LOGAN THEATRE  
2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago  
(773) 252-0628  
■ Astro Boy (PG) 2:05,4:15,6:20,8:30  
■ Couples Retreat (PG-13) 2:10,4:20,6:30,8:40  
■ Zombieland (R) 2:00,4:00,6:05,8:10  
■ Cloudy-Mtballs (PG) 2:00,4:05,6:10,8:20

### MUSIC BOX

3733 N. Southport, Chicago  
(773) 871-6604  
■ House of Devil (R) 4:55,7:45,9:45  
■ Antichrist (NR) 5:00,7:20,9:40

### PIPER'S ALLEY (AMC)

1608 N. Wells, Chicago  
888-AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily  
■ Inglourious (R) 3:00,6:30  
■ Ajab Prem (NR) 6:00,6:10  
■ (Untitled) (R) 2:30,4:50  
■ AMC Select Good Hair (PG-13) 3:30,5:45,8:00

### RIVER EAST 21 (AMC)

322 E. Illinois Street  
888-AMC-4FUN  
Show times change daily  
AMC Select - The best specialty films  
■ AMC Select Precious: Novel (R) 11:00,12:50,1:50,3:50,4:50,6:50,7:50,9:50,10:50  
■ Turandot Encore (NR) 6:30 P.M.  
■ 2012 (PG-13) 11:45,12:45,2:30,3:30,4:30,6:15,7:15,8:15,10:00  
■ AMC Select Pirate Radio (R) 11:15,2:10,5:10,8:10  
■ AMC Select Boondock II (R) 1:10,4:20,7:30,10:40  
■ AMC Select TenEight (NR) 11:00,1:30,4:00,6:30,9:00  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) ★ 11:30,1:15,2:15,3:35,4:55,6:40,7:40,9:20,10:20  
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■ The Fourth Kind (PG-13) 11:25,1:55,4:35,7:25,10:15  
■ Michael Jackson (PG) 11:05,1:45,4:45,7:45,10:45  
■ AMC Select Amelia (PG) 12:55,3:45,6:35,9:30  
■ Where the Wild (PG) 11:35,2:05,4:40  
■ Paranormal Act (R) 12:15,2:50,10:30  
■ Law Abiding (R) 1:05,10:25  
■ Couples Retreat (PG-13) 7:10,9:55  
■ AMC Select Coco Before (PG-13) 11:10,2:05,5:05,8:05

### CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES)

7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie  
(800) 326-3264 #2309  
■ 2012 (PG-13) ★ 12:10,1:00,3:00,3:30,4:15,6:30,7:00,8:00,10:00,10:30  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) ★ 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:10  
■ Christmas Carol (PG) ★ 12:15,2:40,5:10,7:40,10:10  
■ The Fourth Kind (PG-13) ★ 1:30,4:20,6:50,9:20  
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■ The Box (PG-13) ★ 12:30,3:40,6:45,9:30  
■ Michael Jackson (PG) 2:00,4:45,7:30,10:15  
■ Astro Boy (PG) 12:50,3:50  
■ Paranormal Act (R) 2:10,4:50,7:15,9:40  
■ Saw VI (R) 12:45,3:10,6:10,8:40  
■ Law Abiding (R) 1:15,4:00,7:20,9:55  
■ The Stepfather (PG-13) 6:20,9:00

G - General audience PG - Parental guidance suggested  
PG-13 - Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13  
R - Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian  
NC-17 - No one 17 and under admitted

### CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

■ Pirate Radio (R) ★ 1:30,4:20,7:20,10:10  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) ★ 12:15,1:40,2:40,4:10,5:10,6:40,7:40,9:10,10:05  
■ The Fourth Kind (PG-13) ★ 1:20,2:50,5:30,8:10,10:35  
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■ A Serious Man (R) 1:50,4:45,7:15,9:50  
■ Astro Boy (PG) 2:15 P.M.  
■ Paranormal Act (R) 1:10,3:45,6:10,8:20,10:40  
■ Law Abiding (R) 2:20,5:15,8:15,10:45  
■ Couples Retreat (PG-13) 5:00,7:45,10:25

### CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES)

4779 W. Cermak  
(800) 326-3264 #1644  
■ 2012 (PG-13) ★ 12:10,3:00,3:30,6:30,7:00,10:00,10:30  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) ★ 1:40,4:10,6:40,9:10  
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■ The Stepfather (PG-13) 6:20,9:00

### OAK PARK

LAKE CINEMAS (CLASSIC)  
1022 Lake Street  
630-444-FILM #560  
■ Precious: Novel (R) ★ 1:25,3:50,5:10,6:15,7:35,8:40,10:00  
■ 2012 (PG-13) ★ 12:00,3:15,6:30,9:45  
■ Pirate Radio (R) ★ 12:00,2:30,5:00,7:30,10:00  
■ C'mas Carol 3D (PG) ★ 12:00,2:15,4:30,6:45,9:45  
■ Men Who Stare (R) ★ 12:15,2:35,4:55,7:10,9:30  
■ Michael Jackson (PG) 12:00,2:15,4:55,7:20,9:50  
■ Where the Wild (PG) 12:30,2:50

### EVANSTON

CENTURY 12/CINEARTS 6 (CENTURY)  
1715 MAPLE AVE.  
(847)492-0123  
■ 2012 (PG-13) ★ 11:05,12:10,1:20,2:20,3:30,4:40,5:00,5:50,8:20,9:30  
■ Pirate Radio (R) ★ 1:10,2:00,4:50,7:35,10:25  
■ Boondock II (R) ★ 11:15,2:05,4:55,7:45,10:35  
■ Turandot Encore (NR) ★ 6:30 P.M.  
■ Christmas Carol (PG) ★ 12:15,2:40,5:10,7:40,10:10  
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7 p.m. \$9-\$12. Abbey  
Pub, 3420 W. Grace St.  
773-478-4408.

**SKYBOX, MODERN**  
**SKIRTS, CLIP ART**  
9 p.m. \$10. Schubas,  
3159 N. Southport Ave.  
773-525-2508.

**SPENCER DAY**

10 p.m. \$14-\$17. House of  
Blues Back Porch Stage,  
329 N. Dearborn St. 312-  
923-2000.

**SWEETWATER**  
**MELTDOWN (IN THE**  
**PUB)**

9 p.m. Free. Abbey Pub,  
3420 W. Grace St. 773-  
478-4408.

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9:30 p.m. \$5-\$10. Empty  
Bottle, 1035 N. Western  
Ave. 773-276-3600.

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8 p.m. \$7-\$10. Bottom  
Lounge, 1375 W. Lake St.  
312-666-6775.

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**SANDSTROM/HUNT/**  
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**WILLIAMS**  
9:30 p.m. \$6. Hideout,  
1354 W. Wabansia Ave.  
773-227-4433.

Center.

**The Musical Box,**  
Saturday, Feb. 13,  
Sunday, Feb. 14 (\$43.50,  
all ages) at Vic Theatre.

**The New Deal, DJ**  
**Rekha,** Friday, Jan. 29  
(\$20-\$23, 18+) at Park  
West.

**Rebelution, Soja,**  
**Zion-I,** Thursday, Feb. 4  
(\$14-\$16, 17+) at House  
of Blues.

**ON SALE NOON**  
**SATURDAY**

**Jay-Z, Young Jeezy,**  
Thursday, March 18  
(\$39.50-\$129.50, all  
ages) at United Center.

**Jon Drake and the**  
**Shakes, The Damn**  
**Choir, A Night in the**  
**Box, Curtis Evans,**  
Friday, Jan. 22 (\$5-\$8,  
21+) at Double Door.

**Magnets, The**  
**Sweeps, On the Run,**  
**Darmata, Passive**  
**Aggressor,** Saturday,  
Jan. 16 (\$7, 21+) at  
Double Door.

**The Reverend Horton**  
**Heat,** Friday, March 5,  
with Dex Romweber,  
and Saturday, March  
6, with True Historians  
(\$15-\$25, limited \$25  
two-show pass, 21+) at  
Double Door.

**Rod Tuffcurls and the**  
**Bench Press,** Friday,  
Jan. 29 (\$10-\$15, 21+) at  
Double Door.

**State Radio,** Friday,  
Feb. 19 (\$21, all ages) at  
Metro.

**TICKETBOOTH** *your on-sale concert guide*

**ON SALE 10 A.M.**  
**WEDNESDAY**

**Cole DeGenova and**  
**the Peoples Republic,**  
**Drama Junkies,**  
Wednesday, Dec. 22 (\$7,  
21+) at Martyrs'.

**Los Guitarristas,**  
Saturday, Jan. 30 (\$8,  
21+) at Martyrs'.

**The Opposition Party,**  
Monday, Jan. 4 (\$7, 21+)  
at Martyrs'.

**ON SALE 10 A.M.**  
**FRIDAY**

**Badfish,** Saturday, Feb.  
20 (\$22-\$25, all ages) at  
House of Blues.

**Behemoth,**  
**Septicflesh,** Tuesday,  
Jan. 26 (\$17-\$20, all  
ages) at House of Blues.

**The Lovehammers,**  
Saturday, Feb. 13 (\$21-  
\$48, all ages) at House  
of Blues.

**Pretty Lights,**  
Thursday, Dec. 31 (\$35,  
18+) at Vic Theatre.

**Sister Hazel, Tony**  
**Lucca,** Saturday, Dec.  
19 (\$25-\$26.50, 17+) at  
House of Blues.

**Tripping Billies,**  
Saturday, Jan. 2 (\$14-\$16,  
17+) at House of Blues.

**Urge Overkill,**  
Thursday, Dec. 31 (\$40-  
\$44, 21+) at House of  
Blues Back Porch Stage.

**ON SALE NOON**  
**FRIDAY**

**Alberta Cross,** Friday,



Jan. 29 (\$12, 18+) at  
Schubas.

**Bishop Allen,** Friday,  
Feb. 5 (\$14, 18+) at  
Lincoln Hall.

**The Bottle Rockets,**  
**Otis Gibbs,** Saturday,  
Jan. 30 (\$15, 21+) at  
Schubas.

**Green, The Webstirs,**  
**Phil Angotti Band,**  
Friday, Dec. 11 (\$8, 21+) at  
Schubas.

**Jessica Lea Mayfield,**  
**Frontier Ruckus,**  
Thursday, Dec. 10 (\$12,  
21+) at Schubas.

**MOVITS!,** Sunday,  
Jan. 31 (\$12-\$14, 21+) at  
Schubas.

**Nouvelle Vague,**  
Friday, Jan. 29 (\$27, 21+)  
at Lincoln Hall.

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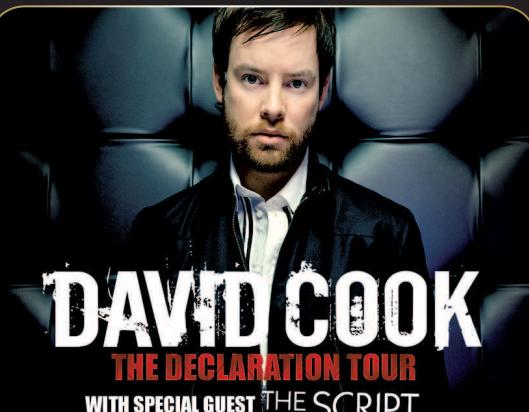
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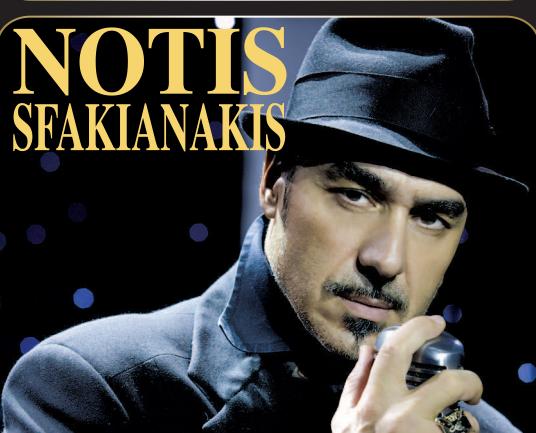


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# Moon shiver

## REDMOON CASTS ITS WARMING GLOW ON A CHILLY, DARK TOPIC: WINTER

By **Rebecca Palmore**

If there's one theater company in Chicago that seems least likely to play by the rules, it's Redmoon. Its theatrical spectacles—most of them site-specific, many outdoors—skip plots of traditional storytelling techniques, and opt instead for visual wow factors, instead of text-based ones, with wild, human-powered mechanicals and otherworldly characters.

When it comes to "Winter Pageant," however, Redmoon hangs its hat on tradition, resurrecting a format that's based on seasonal change, from summer on through to spring.

### 'Winter Pageant'

*Redmoon Central,  
1463 W. Hubbard St.*

**Schedule:** 7:30 p.m.  
Thursdays-Sundays; 4:30 p.m.  
Saturdays-Sundays through  
Dec. 27 (except Nov. 26,  
Dec. 24 and 25).

**Tickets:** \$15; [redmoon.org](http://redmoon.org)

it's anything but standard holiday fare. Reindeer and mistletoe? Not going to happen. Kids in the audience? Yes, so watch your mouth.

Stalling, a former ballet dancer who joined Redmoon as a performer a decade ago, resumes her role as "Winter Pageant" director for the second year in a row. We asked her about this year's show in the final days of rehearsal.

### What exactly is the 'Winter Pageant'?

It's a celebration of the seasons. We take the audience on a journey through the seasons starting with summer, going through fall, winter and ending with spring. ... We want to look at all the facets of winter, so, the celebration and raucous feel that winter can be when it becomes a snow fight or the kinds of poetry and lyricism that can be found when you're walking down the street and it's glittering with snow, to a place of isolation and loneliness that winter can bring. We want to be conscious of that arc.



Redmoon's 'Winter Pageant'

#### How does this year's production compare to those in the past?

The only thing that is the same is the formula that we use. ... To follow the seasons and end with the sunrise. But that's all that we have, aside from also keeping the idea of a pageant alive. When the audience comes in it is a completely empty warehouse, and scenes are created by objects that are brought into the space, that culminate and that transform into something else. ... It's a pageant of objects that are entering and exiting the space.

#### Who represents these objects? People? Mechanicals?

We have a performance ensemble of seven, but their characters are quite flexible (there's not one particular character that you're going to follow throughout the show). ... What we try to search for is a palette of

the seasons. It might not be literally a tree that you're going to see transform, but it might be a suitcase that opens up and reveals orange and brown and yellow leaves.

#### How does this show reflect Chicago?

It is a very Chicago show. We like to consider ourselves able to give this show to Chicago families. ... It is a celebration of the sun's return. To be able to go with these families on a journey, from what we all love, which is summer, what are the aspects of the different seasons that we all love, and it's wonderful to have the leaves change, to see the snow on the ground—but ultimately the winter is very long in Chicago and can be at times quite lonely and very cold. [Laughs] So, I think all of us in Chicago are just waiting for the sun to come back.

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# BATTLE SCARS

**MAYER OPENS UP ON THE MEDIA AND HIS MUSIC**



## Associated Press

If you're engrossed in tabloid/Internet-gossip, then John Mayer's latest CD, "Battle Studies," could provide enough fodder to fill at least a dozen Perez Hilton blog posts or at least one story in *Us Weekly*.

The single, "Heartbreak Warfare," already has some speculating on its subject with lyrics like: "If you want more love, why don't you say so?... Bombs are falling everywhere, heartbreak warfare."

Hmmm ... could that be a message to a certain famous "friend" with whom he's been linked on and off for the last two years?

Mention this to Mayer, and you'll get a serious eye-roll, followed up with an "Are you kidding me?" look.

"I know some people think that, but it doesn't," Mayer says during a break in rehearsals for two upcoming concerts to promote his new CD.

"That would mean that my personal life is more powerful than the music itself, and it's just not ... By

the way, I'm not the first person to process a personal life into putting out a record," he adds. "I think if there's any intrigue—obviously it would be silly of me to ask somebody not to be intrigued—but I think when the music starts playing, you're not thinking about my life, you're thinking about yours."

Mayer rarely has shied away from attention. He provides must-read updates to his more than 2.6 million followers on Twitter, engaged in a high-profile romance with Jennifer Aniston (which followed a romance with Jessica Simpson), has written for blogs and magazines and is known as one of the wittiest, most media-savvy entertainers around.

But he is weary of those who would rather put the focus on John Mayer, the celebrity, and not John Mayer, the critically acclaimed, multiplatinum singer-songwriter-guitarist once heralded by Rolling Stone as one of rock's new "guitar gods."

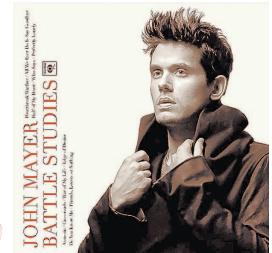
"I've never liked the idea of somebody co-opting who

I am, and I don't think anybody does," Mayer says

But Mayer's romantic struggles have become the main focus in the tabloid world—and he's rarely painted as the wounded party—most notably his relationship with Aniston. Mayer has dated other celebrities in the past, but the Aniston romance put him into tabloid overdrive. He was at best defined as a Lothario—at worst, a cad. But what has been potentially more damaging is that in some circles, it has overshadowed his musicianship.

That infuriates Mayer to no end.

"By the way, I didn't really kill anybody. I didn't smash a car, I didn't commit a crime... I don't like the idea that there's an indictment on anything that I do," he says. "The idea that there has been a sully-ing of my image ... I'm not going to be buried with an *Us Weekly*. I don't give a [bleep] about it anymore, I can't worry about it and I don't worry about it. And I don't think people want me to worry about it."



**'Battle Studies'**  
John Mayer

John Mayer is complicated, y'all. On his fourth studio album, "Battle Studies,"

Mayer can be brilliant—as he is on the fiery, funk-ed-up reimagining of Robert Johnson's "Crossroads"—as "Innervisions"-era Stevie Wonder, and on the epic breakup tale "Friends, Lovers or Nothing." He also can be annoyingly melodramatic, as he is on the ridiculous "Assassin" and on the tepid "War of My Life." He charms with Taylor Swift on "Half of My Heart" and bores on the repetitive, precious "Do You Know Me." "Battle" is hard to fight through, but, to Mayer's credit, he doesn't seem to care.

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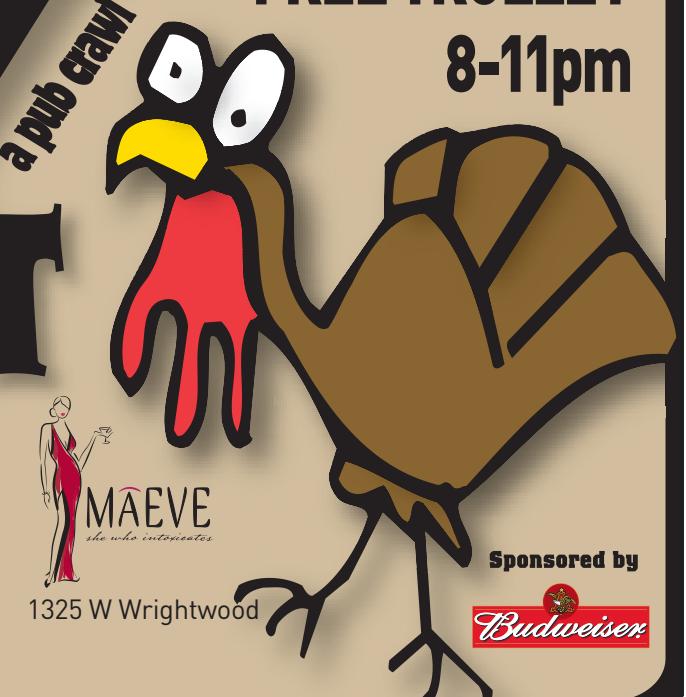
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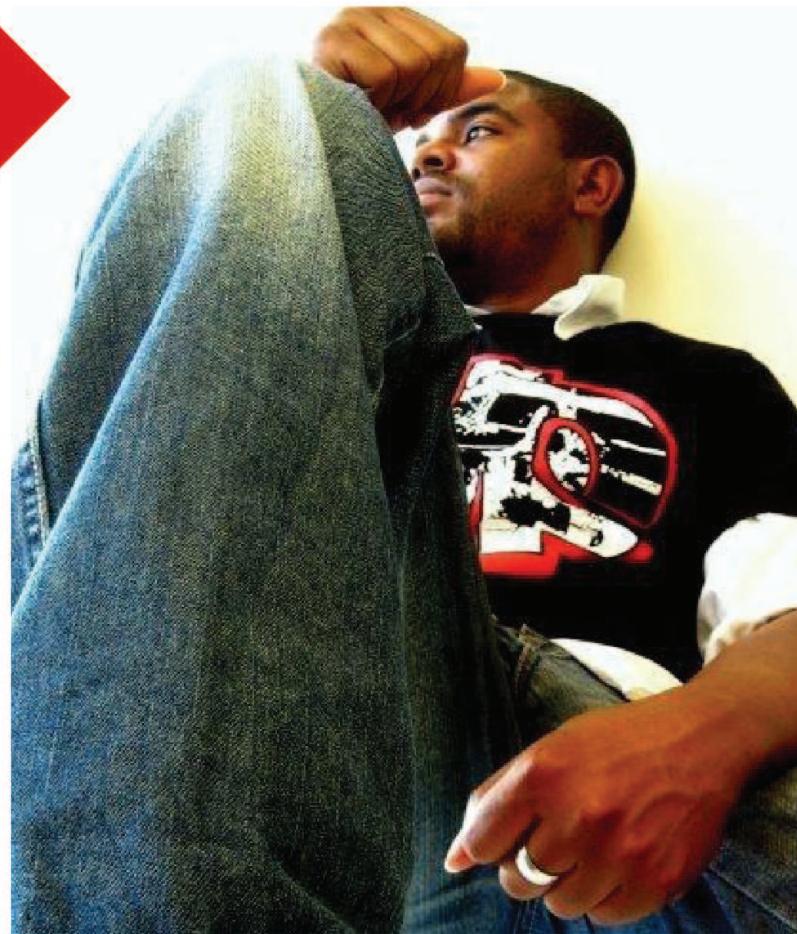
Definitely not a film for everyone, "Fight Club" is dark, bloody, violent and disturbing. Director David Fincher takes us into a world few people would want to enter. Edward Norton plays a guy who is stressed out by the hum drum existence of daily life and suffers from insomnia. He meets up with Brad Pitt, who is in the same boat. To relief his frustrations, Pitt and a bunch of other guys get together and beat each other to a pulp. The pain supposedly offers relief. There's more, but you get the idea. For those who purchase this disc, expect a surprise at the very beginning. **DOUG NYE, MCT**

## SONG

**'Learn to Love'**

Hassahn Phenomenon;  
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In the grand tradition of The Roots' "You Got Me," Hassahn Phenomenon (right) successfully blends romance and hip-hop over lush instrumentals in "Learn to Love." The local MC, and his lyrical skills, deftly defeated two other admirable artists in this week's Kyles Files track-off, with poster/voter "Katie" dubbing the song: "repeat-worthy." Join the musical movement and vote for deserving local talent in next Monday's track-off. **KYRA KYLES, REDEYE**



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Wine companies often employ elaborate and show-stopping methods of getting the wines out to eagerly waiting patrons in time for the official release—commercial jets, helicopters, rickshaws and even elephants all have been used in the past.

On Thursday night, restaurants and wine bars throughout Chicago and the world will honor the release of the first wine of the year with celebrations featuring a festive energy and atmosphere normally reserved only for New Year's Eve.

So is Beaujolais Nouveau really delicious enough to warrant all this hoopla?

I would say certainly not, but the flavor of the wine is not what matters; it's more what the wine represents.

The winemaker has spent the past year laboring away in the vineyard, and this first wine is the culmination of all of his or her hard work. For the rest of us, the release coincides with the time of year when we pause and give thanks for the bountiful gifts in our life and acknowledge the start of the holiday season.

These are all very good reasons to celebrate.

Beaujolais Nouveau can be purchased for around \$10 per bottle. Popular producers include Georges Duboeuf, Labore-Roi and Louis Jadot. The fresh and fruity flavors of Beaujolais Nouveau also make it a natural match for Thanksgiving fare. **REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR ALPANA SINGH** is director of wine and spirits for Lettuce Entertain You Enterprises and the host of "Check, Please!" on WTTW.

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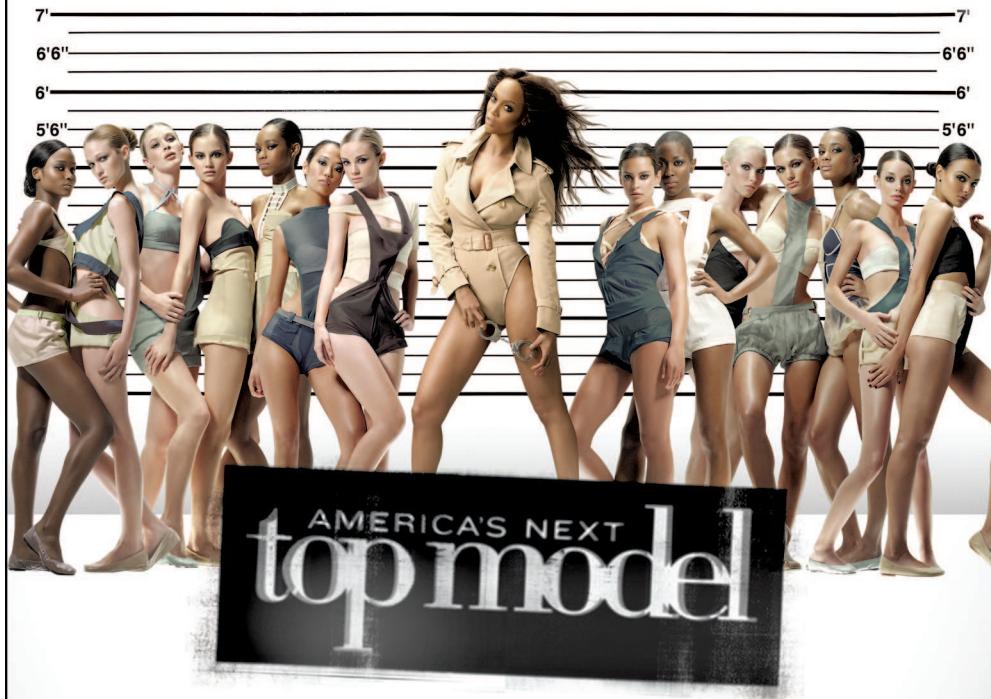


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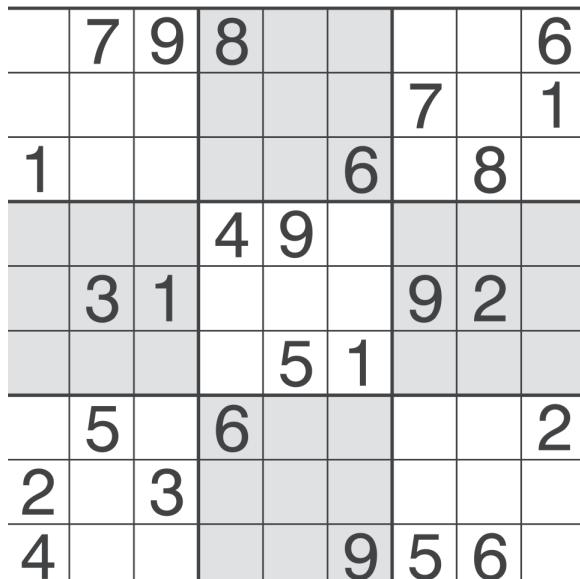
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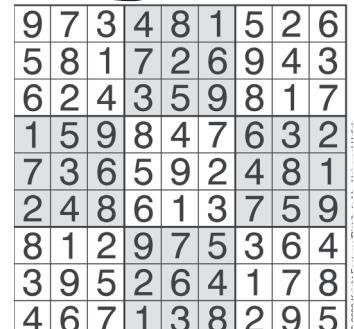
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1 Fore and \_\_  
4 Heroic tale  
8 Contemperible person  
13 Russian ruler's title of old  
14 "Groovy!" to today's kids  
15 Near the center  
16 Cincinnati  
17 Greek letter \_\_  
18 Outscores  
19 Gallant  
22 Break a fast  
23 National song  
24 Goliath, for one  
26 Every  
29 Grab  
32 Reviews a manuscript  
36 Harvest  
38 Classic board game  
39 Musical sound  
40 Efforts  
41 Roll call response  
42 Have a snack  
43 Mean person  
44 Fashion show participant  
45 One-celled organism  
47 Influence  
49 Parasite  
51 Croquet set pieces  
56 Definite article  
58 Swindle  
61 Door hanger's part  
63 Al or Tipper  
64 Seldom seen  
65 Still whole  
66 Word of agreement  
67 Major kitchen appliance  
68 Flower stalks  
69 Have to have  
70 "Nothing but \_\_"

**DOWN**

1 Deathly pale  
2 Keel over  
3 Engagement  
4 Skin condition  
5 "The Raven" or "Trees"  
6 Tiny amount  
7 Sound a bell  
8 Tripoli resident  
9 Half and half  
10 Still in motion  
11 \_\_ good example; be a role model  
12 Formerly  
13 Caesar's robe  
20 Bruce & Spike  
21 Speech impediments  
25 Cheese-topped tortilla chip  
27 Steep, rugged rock  
28 Names listed in a will  
30 Remedy  
31 Part of the foot  
32 Sicilian volcano  
33 Unhappy fate  
34 Sassiness  
35 Giggler's sound  
37 For a 2nd time  
40 Hunt illegally  
44 Fictitious story  
46 Assails  
48 Rise  
50 Paul of "Crocodile Dundee"  
52 Producer Spelling  
53 Tricky fellow

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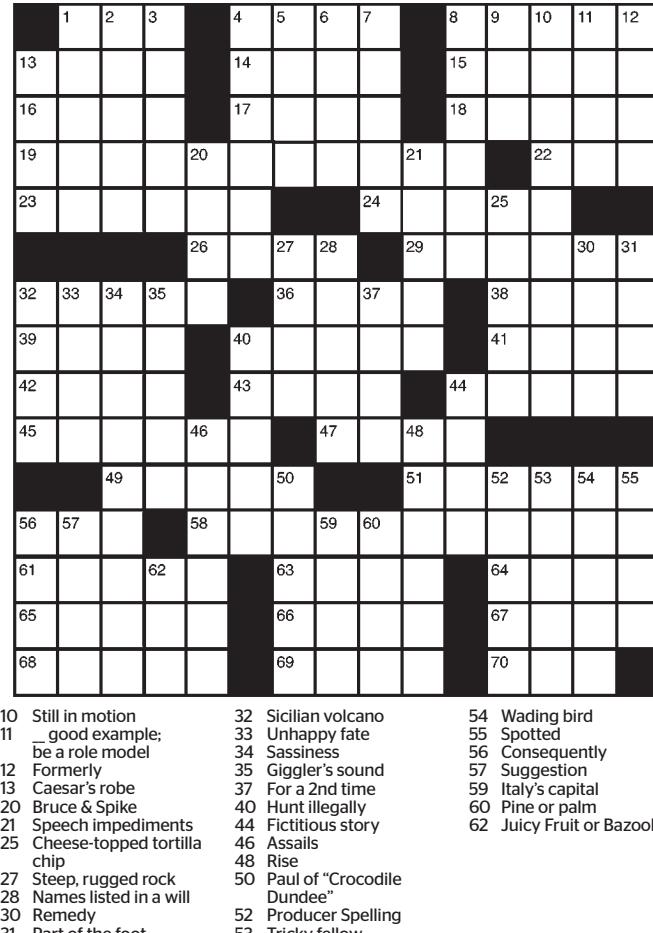


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## SPEIDI: HOW IRRITATING

Speidi manages to find new and annoying ways to try to stay in the glow of a sad little spotlight.

The duo are vigorously backing their new book about their dubious celebrity. And when

they were canceled from a "Today" show appearance Monday, Spencer Pratt took to his Twitter page to deliver some below-the-belt attacks on Al Roker, who interviewed them in June and upset the couple by asking tough questions.

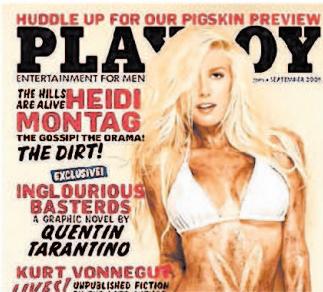
"WEATHERMAN I thought you were out of town today getting your stomach (sic) stapled again?" Pratt tweeted.

He added: "You look very sick? (sic). Do you always look like your (sic) about to die? How

old are you 97? You should retire asap-No one would even know? (sic)."

This is just the latest in a string of annoyances from Speidi. Here are some others, along with each one's irritation level. **EMILY ROSENBAUM, REDEYE**

Her fake breasts



### MILDLY ANNOYING

Akin to Brad Pitt's weird facial hair these days.

Their wedding in Mexico and attempts to make us care whether it was real or not

### SOMEWHAT AGGRAVATING

Like watching an awards show and knowing Lady Gaga is going to wear something wacky.

His attempts at rapping

His hair

Every time she whines on 'The Hills'

Her beach music video

Their appearance on 'I'm a Celebrity, Get Me Out of Here'

### VERY IRKSOME

Like seeing yet another picture of Lindsay Lohan looking glassy-eyed and wearing leggings.

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HOT DATE

April 27

The publishing date of Candace Bushnell's "The Carrie Diaries," a "Sex and the City" prequel set during Carrie Bradshaw's high school years, according to [people.com](http://people.com).

## HELLO GUYS

It's the moment men around the world have been waiting for: GQ has just unveiled its annual Men of the Year. The magazine named Barack Obama the leader of the year for the second straight year. Also making the list were, from left, Tom Brady (comeback of the year), Clint Eastwood (badass of the year), "Hangover" stars Ed Helms, Zach Galifianakis and Bradley Cooper (funnymen of the year), and Chris Pine (breakout of the year).



### Hot or not? It's science

Think your looks are on par with Brad or Angelina? There's an app for that. For \$.99 you can download the new application Fit or Fugly onto your iPhone and calculate your level of attractiveness.

Using a photograph of yourself, the program measures the symmetry of your face, which experts say is the accepted base of attractiveness, and then gives you its "scientific" verdict.

Many uses are claimed, from "Supporting your rational to ending a relationship" to "A reason to declining an invitation to date" and finally, "To liven up an otherwise dull day at work or school."



### Little Levi stays hidden

Levi Johnston is not showing the goods after all. Playgirl will not feature any full-frontal photos of the naughty Alaskan. A black and white teaser photo of the former boyfriend of Bristol Palin shows him looking moist in what appears to a shower. His spokesman, Daniel Nardicio, tells Gawker, "Although there may be glimpses, we did not get full on frontal nudity."

### Not a vamp tramp

Miley Cyrus is not on Team "Twilight."

"I've never seen it and nor will I ever," Cyrus, 16, said recently during an interview with Cleveland radio station Q92. [mtv.com](http://mtv.com) reports. "I don't believe in it," she said. "I don't like vampires.... I don't like it. I don't want anything to do with it. I don't like the shirts. I don't like any of it."

With the "New Moon" opening upon us, Cyrus said, "I feel really lame because everyone's, like, so excited, and I'm like, 'Don't even talk about it!'"

### OMG! It's NPH

Neil Patrick Harris is filling the void we have all felt since Miley Cyrus left Twitter. The actor has joined the Twitterverse and is tweeting as Actually NPH. His first effort was an amusing jab at the brevity of tweets: "My first tweet, peeps. I apologize in advance for my slow learning curve. Nice to (sort of) meet you. It's amazing how quickly 140 charac" ...

### Fierce video

Lady Gaga loves Beyoncé so much, she was willing to tone down her elaborate style to look more like Sasha Fierce in their new video, "Video Phone," which debuted this week.

"I said, 'I want to do you in your video, and I want to tribute you. I want to dress up like you,'" Gaga told MTV News. What, Beyoncé couldn't pull off the sad clown wearing a hat made out of trash look?



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